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A BILL

To amend sections 149.43, 149.45, 319.28, 2101.024, 1
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code to include 2
judges and magistrates as individuals whose 3
residential and familial information is exempt 4
from disclosure under the Public Records Law, 5
and whose addresses public offices, upon 6
request, must redact from records available to 7
the general public on the internet; to allow 8
spouses whose residential and familial 9
information is not a public record to, under an 10
existing procedure, remove their names from the 11
county auditor's public internet records and the 12
general tax list and duplicate, and to instead 13
insert their initials; to change the name of the 14
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" 15
of the Logan County Court of Common Pleas to the 16
"family court division"; to specify the 17
administrative judge of the family court 18
division is the clerk of the family court 19

division; and to remove the requirement that the 20
common pleas court clerk keep all of the 21
journals, records, books, papers, and files 22
pertaining to the domestic relations cases. 23

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

Section 1. That sections 149.43, 149.45, 319.28, 2101.024, 24
and 2301.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 25

Sec. 149.43. (A) As used in this section: 26

(1) "Public record" means records kept by any public 27
office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, 28
village, township, and school district units, and records 29
pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an 30
alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for- 31
profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to 32
section 3313.533 of the Revised Code. "Public record" does not 33
mean any of the following: 34

(a) Medical records; 35

(b) Records pertaining to probation and parole proceedings 36
or to proceedings related to the imposition of community control 37
sanctions and post-release control sanctions; 38

(c) Records pertaining to actions under section 2151.85 39
and division (C) of section 2919.121 of the Revised Code and to 40
appeals of actions arising under those sections; 41

(d) Records pertaining to adoption proceedings, including 42
the contents of an adoption file maintained by the department of 43
health under sections 3705.12 to 3705.124 of the Revised Code; 44

(e) Information in a record contained in the putative father registry established by section 3107.062 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the information is held by the department of job and family services or, pursuant to section 3111.69 of the Revised Code, the office of child support in the department or a child support enforcement agency;	45 46 47 48 49 50
(f) Records specified in division (A) of section 3107.52 of the Revised Code;	51 52
(g) Trial preparation records;	53
(h) Confidential law enforcement investigatory records;	54
(i) Records containing information that is confidential under section 2710.03 or 4112.05 of the Revised Code;	55 56
(j) DNA records stored in the DNA database pursuant to section 109.573 of the Revised Code;	57 58
(k) Inmate records released by the department of rehabilitation and correction to the department of youth services or a court of record pursuant to division (E) of section 5120.21 of the Revised Code;	59 60 61 62
(l) Records maintained by the department of youth services pertaining to children in its custody released by the department of youth services to the department of rehabilitation and correction pursuant to section 5139.05 of the Revised Code;	63 64 65 66
(m) Intellectual property records;	67
(n) Donor profile records;	68
(o) Records maintained by the department of job and family services pursuant to section 3121.894 of the Revised Code;	69 70
(p) Peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,	71

~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 72
~~correctional employee, community-based correctional facility~~ 73
~~employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 74
~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 75
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ Designated 76
public service worker residential and familial information; 77

(q) In the case of a county hospital operated pursuant to 78
Chapter 339. of the Revised Code or a municipal hospital 79
operated pursuant to Chapter 749. of the Revised Code, 80
information that constitutes a trade secret, as defined in 81
section 1333.61 of the Revised Code; 82

(r) Information pertaining to the recreational activities 83
of a person under the age of eighteen; 84

(s) In the case of a child fatality review board acting 85
under sections 307.621 to 307.629 of the Revised Code or a 86
review conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the 87
director of health under section 3701.70 of the Revised Code, 88
records provided to the board or director, statements made by 89
board members during meetings of the board or by persons 90
participating in the director's review, and all work products of 91
the board or director, and in the case of a child fatality 92
review board, child fatality review data submitted by the board 93
to the department of health or a national child death review 94
database, other than the report prepared pursuant to division 95
(A) of section 307.626 of the Revised Code; 96

(t) Records provided to and statements made by the 97
executive director of a public children services agency or a 98
prosecuting attorney acting pursuant to section 5153.171 of the 99
Revised Code other than the information released under that 100
section; 101

(u) Test materials, examinations, or evaluation tools used	102
in an examination for licensure as a nursing home administrator	103
that the board of executives of long-term services and supports	104
administers under section 4751.04 of the Revised Code or	105
contracts under that section with a private or government entity	106
to administer;	107
(v) Records the release of which is prohibited by state or	108
federal law;	109
(w) Proprietary information of or relating to any person	110
that is submitted to or compiled by the Ohio venture capital	111
authority created under section 150.01 of the Revised Code;	112
(x) Financial statements and data any person submits for	113
any purpose to the Ohio housing finance agency or the	114
controlling board in connection with applying for, receiving, or	115
accounting for financial assistance from the agency, and	116
information that identifies any individual who benefits directly	117
or indirectly from financial assistance from the agency;	118
(y) Records listed in section 5101.29 of the Revised Code;	119
(z) Discharges recorded with a county recorder under	120
section 317.24 of the Revised Code, as specified in division (B)	121
(2) of that section;	122
(aa) Usage information including names and addresses of	123
specific residential and commercial customers of a municipally	124
owned or operated public utility;	125
(bb) Records described in division (C) of section 187.04	126
of the Revised Code that are not designated to be made available	127
to the public as provided in that division;	128
(cc) Information and records that are made confidential,	129

privileged, and not subject to disclosure under divisions (B)	130
and (C) of section 2949.221 of the Revised Code;	131
(dd) Personal information, as defined in section 149.45 of	132
the Revised Code;	133
(ee) The confidential name, address, and other personally	134
identifiable information of a program participant in the address	135
confidentiality program established under sections 111.41 to	136
111.47 of the Revised Code, including the contents of any	137
application for absent voter's ballots, absent voter's ballot	138
identification envelope statement of voter, or provisional	139
ballot affirmation completed by a program participant who has a	140
confidential voter registration record, and records or portions	141
of records pertaining to that program that identify the number	142
of program participants that reside within a precinct, ward,	143
township, municipal corporation, county, or any other geographic	144
area smaller than the state. As used in this division,	145
"confidential address" and "program participant" have the	146
meaning defined in section 111.41 of the Revised Code.	147
(ff) Orders for active military service of an individual	148
serving or with previous service in the armed forces of the	149
United States, including a reserve component, or the Ohio	150
organized militia, except that, such order becomes a public	151
record on the day that is fifteen years after the published date	152
or effective date of the call to order.	153
(2) "Confidential law enforcement investigatory record"	154
means any record that pertains to a law enforcement matter of a	155
criminal, quasi-criminal, civil, or administrative nature, but	156
only to the extent that the release of the record would create a	157
high probability of disclosure of any of the following:	158

(a) The identity of a suspect who has not been charged	159
with the offense to which the record pertains, or of an	160
information source or witness to whom confidentiality has been	161
reasonably promised;	162
(b) Information provided by an information source or	163
witness to whom confidentiality has been reasonably promised,	164
which information would reasonably tend to disclose the source's	165
or witness's identity;	166
(c) Specific confidential investigatory techniques or	167
procedures or specific investigatory work product;	168
(d) Information that would endanger the life or physical	169
safety of law enforcement personnel, a crime victim, a witness,	170
or a confidential information source.	171
(3) "Medical record" means any document or combination of	172
documents, except births, deaths, and the fact of admission to	173
or discharge from a hospital, that pertains to the medical	174
history, diagnosis, prognosis, or medical condition of a patient	175
and that is generated and maintained in the process of medical	176
treatment.	177
(4) "Trial preparation record" means any record that	178
contains information that is specifically compiled in reasonable	179
anticipation of, or in defense of, a civil or criminal action or	180
proceeding, including the independent thought processes and	181
personal trial preparation of an attorney.	182
(5) "Intellectual property record" means a record, other	183
than a financial or administrative record, that is produced or	184
collected by or for faculty or staff of a state institution of	185
higher learning in the conduct of or as a result of study or	186
research on an educational, commercial, scientific, artistic,	187

technical, or scholarly issue, regardless of whether the study 188
or research was sponsored by the institution alone or in 189
conjunction with a governmental body or private concern, and 190
that has not been publicly released, published, or patented. 191

(6) "Donor profile record" means all records about donors 192
or potential donors to a public institution of higher education 193
except the names and reported addresses of the actual donors and 194
the date, amount, and conditions of the actual donation. 195

(7) "~~Peace~~ Designated public service worker" means a peace 196
officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting 197
attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, 198
community-based correctional facility employee, youth services 199
employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of 200
criminal identification and investigation, judge, magistrate, or 201
federal law enforcement officer. 202

(8) "Designated public service worker residential and 203
familial information" means any information that discloses any 204
of the following about a ~~peace officer, parole officer,~~ 205
~~probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant~~ 206
~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community-based~~ 207
~~correctional facility employee, youth services employee,~~ 208
~~firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 209
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 210
~~officer~~ designated public service worker: 211

(a) The address of the actual personal residence of a 212
~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 213
~~assistant~~ designated public service worker, except for the 214
following information: 215

(i) The address of the actual personal residence of a 216

~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community based~~ 217
~~correctional facility employee, youth services employee,~~ 218
~~firefighter, EMT, an investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 219
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 220
~~officer, except for the or judge; and~~ 221

~~(ii) The state or political subdivision in which the peace-~~ 222
~~officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, assistant-~~ 223
~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community based~~ 224
~~correctional facility employee, youth services employee,~~ 225
~~firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 226
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 227
~~officer a designated public service worker resides.~~ 228

(b) Information compiled from referral to or participation 229
in an employee assistance program; 230

(c) The social security number, the residential telephone 231
number, any bank account, debit card, charge card, or credit 232
card number, or the emergency telephone number of, or any 233
medical information pertaining to, ~~a peace officer, parole~~ 234
~~officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,~~ 235
~~assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,~~ 236
~~community based correctional facility employee, youth services~~ 237
~~employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of~~ 238
~~criminal identification and investigation, or federal law~~ 239
~~enforcement officer designated public service worker;~~ 240

(d) The name of any beneficiary of employment benefits, 241
including, but not limited to, life insurance benefits, provided 242
to a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 243
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 244
~~correctional employee, community based correctional facility~~ 245
~~employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 246

~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 247
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 248
~~public service worker~~ by the ~~peace officer's, parole officer's,~~ 249
~~probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's,~~ 250
~~assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's,~~ 251
~~community based correctional facility employee's, youth services~~ 252
~~employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of~~ 253
~~criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law~~ 254
~~enforcement officer's~~ designated public service worker's 255
employer; 256

(e) The identity and amount of any charitable or 257
employment benefit deduction made by the ~~peace officer's, parole~~ 258
~~officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting~~ 259
~~attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional~~ 260
~~employee's, community based correctional facility employee's,~~ 261
~~youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of~~ 262
~~the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's, or~~ 263
~~federal law enforcement officer's~~ designated public service 264
worker's employer from the ~~peace officer's, parole officer's,~~ 265
~~probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's,~~ 266
~~assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's,~~ 267
~~community based correctional facility employee's, youth services~~ 268
~~employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of~~ 269
~~criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law~~ 270
~~enforcement officer's~~ designated public service worker's 271
compensation, unless the amount of the deduction is required by 272
state or federal law; 273

(f) The name, the residential address, the name of the 274
employer, the address of the employer, the social security 275
number, the residential telephone number, any bank account, 276
debit card, charge card, or credit card number, or the emergency 277

telephone number of the spouse, a former spouse, or any child of 278
~~a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 279
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 280
~~correctional employee, community based correctional facility~~ 281
~~employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT,~~ 282
~~investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 283
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ designated 284
public service worker; 285

(g) A photograph of a peace officer who holds a position 286
or has an assignment that may include undercover or plain 287
clothes positions or assignments as determined by the peace 288
officer's appointing authority. 289

(9) As used in divisions ~~division~~ (A) (7) ~~and (B) (9) of~~ 290
this section, ~~"peace~~ : 291

"Peace officer" has the ~~same~~ meaning as defined in section 292
109.71 of the Revised Code and also includes the superintendent 293
and troopers of the state highway patrol; it does not include 294
the sheriff of a county or a supervisory employee who, in the 295
absence of the sheriff, is authorized to stand in for, exercise 296
the authority of, and perform the duties of the sheriff. 297

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 298
~~"correctional~~ "Correctional employee" means any employee of the 299
department of rehabilitation and correction who in the course of 300
performing the employee's job duties has or has had contact with 301
inmates and persons under supervision. 302

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 303
~~"youth~~ "Youth services employee" means any employee of the 304
department of youth services who in the course of performing the 305
employee's job duties has or has had contact with children 306

committed to the custody of the department of youth services. 307

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 308
~~"firefighter"~~ "Firefighter" means any regular, paid or 309
volunteer, member of a lawfully constituted fire department of a 310
municipal corporation, township, fire district, or village. 311

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 312
"EMT" means EMTs-basic, EMTs-I, and paramedics that provide 313
emergency medical services for a public emergency medical 314
service organization. "Emergency medical service organization," 315
"EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and "paramedic" have the ~~same~~ meanings as- 316
defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. 317

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 318
~~"investigator"~~ "Investigator" of the bureau of criminal 319
identification and investigation" has the meaning defined in 320
section 2903.11 of the Revised Code. 321

~~As used in divisions (A) (7) and (B) (9) of this section,~~ 322
~~"federal"~~ "Federal" law enforcement officer" has the meaning 323
defined in section 9.88 of the Revised Code. 324

~~(8)~~ (10) "Information pertaining to the recreational 325
activities of a person under the age of eighteen" means 326
information that is kept in the ordinary course of business by a 327
public office, that pertains to the recreational activities of a 328
person under the age of eighteen years, and that discloses any 329
of the following: 330

(a) The address or telephone number of a person under the 331
age of eighteen or the address or telephone number of that 332
person's parent, guardian, custodian, or emergency contact 333
person; 334

(b) The social security number, birth date, or 335

photographic image of a person under the age of eighteen; 336

(c) Any medical record, history, or information pertaining 337
to a person under the age of eighteen; 338

(d) Any additional information sought or required about a 339
person under the age of eighteen for the purpose of allowing 340
that person to participate in any recreational activity 341
conducted or sponsored by a public office or to use or obtain 342
admission privileges to any recreational facility owned or 343
operated by a public office. 344

~~(9)~~(11) "Community control sanction" has the ~~same~~ meaning 345
~~as defined~~ in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 346

~~(10)~~(12) "Post-release control sanction" has the ~~same~~ 347
meaning ~~as defined~~ in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 348

~~(11)~~(13) "Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any 349
information that is exempt from the duty to permit public 350
inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the 351
definition of a "record" in section 149.011 of the Revised Code. 352

~~(12)~~(14) "Designee" and "elected official" have the ~~same~~ 353
meanings ~~as defined~~ in section 109.43 of the Revised Code. 354

(B) (1) Upon request and subject to division (B) (8) of this 355
section, all public records responsive to the request shall be 356
promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any 357
person at all reasonable times during regular business hours. 358
Subject to division (B) (8) of this section, upon request by any 359
person, a public office or person responsible for public records 360
shall make copies of the requested public record available to 361
the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. If 362
a public record contains information that is exempt from the 363
duty to permit public inspection or to copy the public record, 364

the public office or the person responsible for the public 365
record shall make available all of the information within the 366
public record that is not exempt. When making that public record 367
available for public inspection or copying that public record, 368
the public office or the person responsible for the public 369
record shall notify the requester of any redaction or make the 370
redaction plainly visible. A redaction shall be deemed a denial 371
of a request to inspect or copy the redacted information, except 372
if federal or state law authorizes or requires a public office 373
to make the redaction. 374

(2) To facilitate broader access to public records, a 375
public office or the person responsible for public records shall 376
organize and maintain public records in a manner that they can 377
be made available for inspection or copying in accordance with 378
division (B) of this section. A public office also shall have 379
available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a 380
location readily available to the public. If a requester makes 381
an ambiguous or overly broad request or has difficulty in making 382
a request for copies or inspection of public records under this 383
section such that the public office or the person responsible 384
for the requested public record cannot reasonably identify what 385
public records are being requested, the public office or the 386
person responsible for the requested public record may deny the 387
request but shall provide the requester with an opportunity to 388
revise the request by informing the requester of the manner in 389
which records are maintained by the public office and accessed 390
in the ordinary course of the public office's or person's 391
duties. 392

(3) If a request is ultimately denied, in part or in 393
whole, the public office or the person responsible for the 394
requested public record shall provide the requester with an 395

explanation, including legal authority, setting forth why the 396
request was denied. If the initial request was provided in 397
writing, the explanation also shall be provided to the requester 398
in writing. The explanation shall not preclude the public office 399
or the person responsible for the requested public record from 400
relying upon additional reasons or legal authority in defending 401
an action commenced under division (C) of this section. 402

(4) Unless specifically required or authorized by state or 403
federal law or in accordance with division (B) of this section, 404
no public office or person responsible for public records may 405
limit or condition the availability of public records by 406
requiring disclosure of the requester's identity or the intended 407
use of the requested public record. Any requirement that the 408
requester disclose the requester's identity or the intended use 409
of the requested public record constitutes a denial of the 410
request. 411

(5) A public office or person responsible for public 412
records may ask a requester to make the request in writing, may 413
ask for the requester's identity, and may inquire about the 414
intended use of the information requested, but may do so only 415
after disclosing to the requester that a written request is not 416
mandatory and that the requester may decline to reveal the 417
requester's identity or the intended use and when a written 418
request or disclosure of the identity or intended use would 419
benefit the requester by enhancing the ability of the public 420
office or person responsible for public records to identify, 421
locate, or deliver the public records sought by the requester. 422

(6) If any person ~~chooses to obtain~~ requests a copy of a 423
public record in accordance with division (B) of this section, 424
the public office or person responsible for the public record 425

may require that person to pay in advance the cost involved in 426
providing the copy of the public record in accordance with the 427
choice made by the person ~~seeking~~requesting the copy under this 428
division. The public office or the person responsible for the 429
public record shall permit that person to choose to have the 430
public record duplicated upon paper, upon the same medium upon 431
which the public office or person responsible for the public 432
record keeps it, or upon any other medium upon which the public 433
office or person responsible for the public record determines 434
that it reasonably can be duplicated as an integral part of the 435
normal operations of the public office or person responsible for 436
the public record. When the person ~~seeking~~requesting the copy 437
makes a choice under this division, the public office or person 438
responsible for the public record shall provide a copy of it in 439
accordance with the choice made by ~~the~~that ~~person seeking the~~ 440
~~copy~~. Nothing in this section requires a public office or person 441
responsible for the public record to allow the person ~~seeking~~requesting 442
requesting a copy of the public record to make the copies of the 443
public record. 444

(7) (a) Upon a request made in accordance with division (B) 445
of this section and subject to division (B) (6) of this section, 446
a public office or person responsible for public records shall 447
transmit a copy of a public record to any person by United 448
States mail or by any other means of delivery or transmission 449
within a reasonable period of time after receiving the request 450
for the copy. The public office or person responsible for the 451
public record may require the person making the request to pay 452
in advance the cost of postage if the copy is transmitted by 453
United States mail or the cost of delivery if the copy is 454
transmitted other than by United States mail, and to pay in 455
advance the costs incurred for other supplies used in the 456

mailing, delivery, or transmission. 457

(b) Any public office may adopt a policy and procedures 458
that it will follow in transmitting, within a reasonable period 459
of time after receiving a request, copies of public records by 460
United States mail or by any other means of delivery or 461
transmission pursuant to division (B) (7) of this section. A 462
public office that adopts a policy and procedures under division 463
(B) (7) of this section shall comply with them in performing its 464
duties under that division. 465

(c) In any policy and procedures adopted under division 466
(B) (7) of this section: 467

(i) A public office may limit the number of records 468
requested by a person that the office will physically deliver by 469
United States mail or by another delivery service to ten per 470
month, unless the person certifies to the office in writing that 471
the person does not intend to use or forward the requested 472
records, or the information contained in them, for commercial 473
purposes; 474

(ii) A public office that chooses to provide some or all 475
of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible to 476
and searchable by members of the public at all times, other than 477
during acts of God outside the public office's control or 478
maintenance, and that charges no fee to search, access, 479
download, or otherwise receive records provided on the web site, 480
may limit to ten per month the number of records requested by a 481
person that the office will deliver in a digital format, unless 482
the requested records are not provided on the web site and 483
unless the person certifies to the office in writing that the 484
person does not intend to use or forward the requested records, 485
or the information contained in them, for commercial purposes. 486

(iii) For purposes of division (B) (7) of this section, 487
"commercial" shall be narrowly construed and does not include 488
reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering information 489
to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the operation or 490
activities of government, or nonprofit educational research. 491

(8) A public office or person responsible for public 492
records is not required to permit a person who is incarcerated 493
pursuant to a criminal conviction or a juvenile adjudication to 494
inspect or to obtain a copy of any public record concerning a 495
criminal investigation or prosecution or concerning what would 496
be a criminal investigation or prosecution if the subject of the 497
investigation or prosecution were an adult, unless the request 498
to inspect or to obtain a copy of the record is for the purpose 499
of acquiring information that is subject to release as a public 500
record under this section and the judge who imposed the sentence 501
or made the adjudication with respect to the person, or the 502
judge's successor in office, finds that the information sought 503
in the public record is necessary to support what appears to be 504
a justiciable claim of the person. 505

(9) (a) Upon written request made and signed by a 506
~~journalist on or after December 16, 1999,~~ a public office, or 507
person responsible for public records, having custody of the 508
records of the agency employing a specified ~~peace officer,~~ 509
~~parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting~~ 510
~~attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,~~ 511
~~community-based correctional facility employee, youth services~~ 512
~~employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of~~ 513
~~criminal identification and investigation, or federal law~~ 514
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker shall 515
disclose to the journalist the address of the actual personal 516
residence of the ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation~~ 517

~~officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, community based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated public service worker and, if the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law enforcement officer's designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child is employed by a public office, the name and address of the employer of the peace officer's, parole officer's, probation officer's, bailiff's, prosecuting attorney's, assistant prosecuting attorney's, correctional employee's, community based correctional facility employee's, youth services employee's, firefighter's, EMT's, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation's, or federal law enforcement officer's designated public service worker's spouse, former spouse, or child. The request shall include the journalist's name and title and the name and address of the journalist's employer and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public interest.~~

(b) Division (B) (9) (a) of this section also applies to journalist requests for customer information maintained by a municipally owned or operated public utility, other than social security numbers and any private financial information such as credit reports, payment methods, credit card numbers, and bank account information.

(c) As used in division (B)(9) of this section, 549
"journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or 550
employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, 551
press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or 552
television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of 553
gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or 554
disseminating information for the general public. 555

(C)(1) If a person allegedly is aggrieved by the failure 556
of a public office or the person responsible for public records 557
to promptly prepare a public record and to make it available to 558
the person for inspection in accordance with division (B) of 559
this section or by any other failure of a public office or the 560
person responsible for public records to comply with an 561
obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section, the 562
person allegedly aggrieved may do only one of the following, and 563
not both: 564

(a) File a complaint with the clerk of the court of claims 565
or the clerk of the court of common pleas under section 2743.75 566
of the Revised Code; 567

(b) Commence a mandamus action to obtain a judgment that 568
orders the public office or the person responsible for the 569
public record to comply with division (B) of this section, that 570
awards court costs and reasonable attorney's fees to the person 571
that instituted the mandamus action, and, if applicable, that 572
includes an order fixing statutory damages under division (C)(2) 573
of this section. The mandamus action may be commenced in the 574
court of common pleas of the county in which division (B) of 575
this section allegedly was not complied with, in the supreme 576
court pursuant to its original jurisdiction under Section 2 of 577
Article IV, Ohio Constitution, or in the court of appeals for 578

the appellate district in which division (B) of this section 579
allegedly was not complied with pursuant to its original 580
jurisdiction under Section 3 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution. 581

(2) If a requester transmits a written request by hand 582
delivery or certified mail to inspect or receive copies of any 583
public record in a manner that fairly describes the public 584
record or class of public records to the public office or person 585
responsible for the requested public records, except as 586
otherwise provided in this section, the requester shall be 587
entitled to recover the amount of statutory damages set forth in 588
this division if a court determines that the public office or 589
the person responsible for public records failed to comply with 590
an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section. 591

The amount of statutory damages shall be fixed at one 592
hundred dollars for each business day during which the public 593
office or person responsible for the requested public records 594
failed to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 595
(B) of this section, beginning with the day on which the 596
requester files a mandamus action to recover statutory damages, 597
up to a maximum of one thousand dollars. The award of statutory 598
damages shall not be construed as a penalty, but as compensation 599
for injury arising from lost use of the requested information. 600
The existence of this injury shall be conclusively presumed. The 601
award of statutory damages shall be in addition to all other 602
remedies authorized by this section. 603

The court may reduce an award of statutory damages or not 604
award statutory damages if the court determines both of the 605
following: 606

(a) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory 607
law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or 608

threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible 609
for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a 610
failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division 611
(B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus 612
action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for 613
the requested public records reasonably would believe that the 614
conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person 615
responsible for the requested public records did not constitute 616
a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with 617
division (B) of this section; 618

(b) That a well-informed public office or person 619
responsible for the requested public records reasonably would 620
believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public 621
office or person responsible for the requested public records 622
would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that 623
is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct. 624

(3) In a mandamus action filed under division (C) (1) of 625
this section, the following apply: 626

(a) (i) If the court orders the public office or the person 627
responsible for the public record to comply with division (B) of 628
this section, the court shall determine and award to the relator 629
all court costs, which shall be construed as remedial and not 630
punitive. 631

(ii) If the court makes a determination described in 632
division (C) (3) (b) (iii) of this section, the court shall 633
determine and award to the relator all court costs, which shall 634
be construed as remedial and not punitive. 635

(b) If the court renders a judgment that orders the public 636
office or the person responsible for the public record to comply 637

with division (B) of this section or if the court determines any 638
of the following, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees 639
to the relator, subject to ~~the provisions of~~ division (C) (4) of 640
this section: 641

(i) The public office or the person responsible for the 642
public records failed to respond affirmatively or negatively to 643
the public records request in accordance with the time allowed 644
under division (B) of this section. 645

(ii) The public office or the person responsible for the 646
public records promised to permit the relator to inspect or 647
receive copies of the public records requested within a 648
specified period of time but failed to fulfill that promise 649
within that specified period of time. 650

(iii) The public office or the person responsible for the 651
public records acted in bad faith when the office or person 652
voluntarily made the public records available to the relator for 653
the first time after the relator commenced the mandamus action, 654
but before the court issued any order concluding whether or not 655
the public office or person was required to comply with division 656
(B) of this section. No discovery may be conducted on the issue 657
of the alleged bad faith of the public office or person 658
responsible for the public records. This division shall not be 659
construed as creating a presumption that the public office or 660
the person responsible for the public records acted in bad faith 661
when the office or person voluntarily made the public records 662
available to the relator for the first time after the relator 663
commenced the mandamus action, but before the court issued any 664
order described in this division. 665

(c) The court shall not award attorney's fees to the 666
relator if the court determines both of the following: 667

(i) That, based on the ordinary application of statutory law and case law as it existed at the time of the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records that allegedly constitutes a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section and that was the basis of the mandamus action, a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records did not constitute a failure to comply with an obligation in accordance with division (B) of this section;

(ii) That a well-informed public office or person responsible for the requested public records reasonably would believe that the conduct or threatened conduct of the public office or person responsible for the requested public records would serve the public policy that underlies the authority that is asserted as permitting that conduct or threatened conduct.

(4) All of the following apply to any award of reasonable attorney's fees awarded under division (C) (3) (b) of this section:

(a) The fees shall be construed as remedial and not punitive.

(b) The fees awarded shall not exceed the total of the reasonable attorney's fees incurred before the public record was made available to the relator and the fees described in division (C) (4) (c) of this section.

(c) Reasonable attorney's fees shall include reasonable fees incurred to produce proof of the reasonableness and amount

of the fees and to otherwise litigate entitlement to the fees. 697

(d) The court may reduce the amount of fees awarded if the 698
court determines that, given the factual circumstances involved 699
with the specific public records request, an alternative means 700
should have been pursued to more effectively and efficiently 701
resolve the dispute that was subject to the mandamus action 702
filed under division (C) (1) of this section. 703

(5) If the court does not issue a writ of mandamus under 704
division (C) of this section and the court determines at that 705
time that the bringing of the mandamus action was frivolous 706
conduct as defined in division (A) of section 2323.51 of the 707
Revised Code, the court may award to the public office all court 708
costs, expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees, as determined 709
by the court. 710

(D) Chapter 1347. of the Revised Code does not limit the 711
provisions of this section. 712

(E) (1) To ensure that all employees of public offices are 713
appropriately educated about a public office's obligations under 714
division (B) of this section, all elected officials or their 715
appropriate designees shall attend training approved by the 716
attorney general as provided in section 109.43 of the Revised 717
Code. In addition, all public offices shall adopt a public 718
records policy in compliance with this section for responding to 719
public records requests. In adopting a public records policy 720
under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from 721
the model public records policy developed and provided to the 722
public office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of 723
the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, 724
the policy may not limit the number of public records that the 725
public office will make available to a single person, may not 726

limit the number of public records that it will make available 727
during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed 728
period of time before it will respond to a request for 729
inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is 730
less than eight hours. 731

(2) The public office shall distribute the public records 732
policy adopted by the public office under division (E)(1) of 733
this section to the employee of the public office who is the 734
records custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of 735
the records of that office. The public office shall require that 736
employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public 737
records policy. The public office shall create a poster that 738
describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in 739
a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations 740
where the public office has branch offices. The public office 741
may post its public records policy on the internet web site of 742
the public office if the public office maintains an internet web 743
site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook 744
of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the 745
public office shall include the public records policy of the 746
public office in the manual or handbook. 747

(F)(1) The bureau of motor vehicles may adopt rules 748
pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to reasonably limit 749
the number of bulk commercial special extraction requests made 750
by a person for the same records or for updated records during a 751
calendar year. The rules may include provisions for charges to 752
be made for bulk commercial special extraction requests for the 753
actual cost of the bureau, plus special extraction costs, plus 754
ten per cent. The bureau may charge for expenses for redacting 755
information, the release of which is prohibited by law. 756

(2) As used in division (F) (1) of this section:	757
(a) "Actual cost" means the cost of depleted supplies,	758
records storage media costs, actual mailing and alternative	759
delivery costs, or other transmitting costs, and any direct	760
equipment operating and maintenance costs, including actual	761
costs paid to private contractors for copying services.	762
(b) "Bulk commercial special extraction request" means a	763
request for copies of a record for information in a format other	764
than the format already available, or information that cannot be	765
extracted without examination of all items in a records series,	766
class of records, or database by a person who intends to use or	767
forward the copies for surveys, marketing, solicitation, or	768
resale for commercial purposes. "Bulk commercial special	769
extraction request" does not include a request by a person who	770
gives assurance to the bureau that the person making the request	771
does not intend to use or forward the requested copies for	772
surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for commercial	773
purposes.	774
(c) "Commercial" means profit-seeking production, buying,	775
or selling of any good, service, or other product.	776
(d) "Special extraction costs" means the cost of the time	777
spent by the lowest paid employee competent to perform the task,	778
the actual amount paid to outside private contractors employed	779
by the bureau, or the actual cost incurred to create computer	780
programs to make the special extraction. "Special extraction	781
costs" include any charges paid to a public agency for computer	782
or records services.	783
(3) For purposes of divisions (F) (1) and (2) of this	784
section, "surveys, marketing, solicitation, or resale for	785

commercial purposes" shall be narrowly construed and does not 786
include reporting or gathering news, reporting or gathering 787
information to assist citizen oversight or understanding of the 788
operation or activities of government, or nonprofit educational 789
research. 790

(G) A request by a defendant, counsel of a defendant, or 791
any agent of a defendant in a criminal action that public 792
records related to that action be made available under this 793
section shall be considered a demand for discovery pursuant to 794
the Criminal Rules, except to the extent that the Criminal Rules 795
plainly indicate a contrary intent. The defendant, counsel of 796
the defendant, or agent of the defendant making a request under 797
this division shall serve a copy of the request on the 798
prosecuting attorney, director of law, or other chief legal 799
officer responsible for prosecuting the action. 800

Sec. 149.45. (A) As used in this section: 801

(1) "Personal information" means any of the following: 802

(a) An individual's social security number; 803

(b) An individual's state or federal tax identification 804
number; 805

(c) An individual's driver's license number or state 806
identification number; 807

(d) An individual's checking account number, savings 808
account number, credit card number, or debit card number; 809

(e) An individual's demand deposit account number, money 810
market account number, mutual fund account number, or any other 811
financial or medical account number. 812

(2) "Public record," "designated public service worker," 813

and "~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 814
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 815
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 816
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 817
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ designated 818
public service worker residential and familial information" have 819
the ~~same~~ meanings as defined in section 149.43 of the Revised 820
Code. 821

(3) "Truncate" means to redact all but the last four 822
digits of an individual's social security number. 823

(B) (1) No public office or person responsible for a public 824
office's public records shall make available to the general 825
public on the internet any document that contains an 826
individual's social security number without otherwise redacting, 827
encrypting, or truncating the social security number. 828

(2) A public office or person responsible for a public 829
office's public records that, l prior to October 17, 2011, made 830
available to the general public on the internet any document 831
that contains an individual's social security number shall 832
redact, encrypt, or truncate the social security number from 833
that document. 834

(3) Divisions (B) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply 835
to documents that are only accessible through the internet with 836
a password. 837

(C) (1) An individual may request that a public office or a 838
person responsible for a public office's public records redact 839
personal information of that individual from any record made 840
available to the general public on the internet. An individual 841
who makes a request for redaction pursuant to this division 842

shall make the request in writing on a form developed by the 843
attorney general and shall specify the personal information to 844
be redacted and provide any information that identifies the 845
location of that personal information within a document that 846
contains that personal information. 847

(2) Upon receiving a request for a redaction pursuant to 848
division (C)(1) of this section, a public office or a person 849
responsible for a public office's public records shall act 850
within five business days in accordance with the request to 851
redact the personal information of the individual from any 852
record made available to the general public on the internet, if 853
practicable. If a redaction is not practicable, the public 854
office or person responsible for the public office's public 855
records shall verbally or in writing within five business days 856
after receiving the written request explain to the individual 857
why the redaction is impracticable. 858

(3) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used 859
by an individual to request a redaction pursuant to division (C) 860
(1) of this section. The form shall include a place to provide 861
any information that identifies the location of the personal 862
information to be redacted. 863

(D) (1) A ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 864
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 865
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 866
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 867
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 868
public service worker may request that a public office, 869
other than a county auditor, or a person responsible for the public 870
records of a public office, other than a county auditor, redact 871
the designated public service worker's address ~~of the person~~ 872

~~making the request~~ from any record made available to the general 873
public on the internet that includes ~~peace officer, parole-~~ 874
~~officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,~~ 875
~~assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth-~~ 876
~~services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau-~~ 877
~~of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law-~~ 878
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker residential 879
and familial information of the ~~person~~ designated public service 880
worker making the request. A ~~person~~ designated public service 881
worker who makes a request for a redaction pursuant to this 882
division shall make the request in writing and on a form 883
developed by the attorney general. 884

(2) Upon receiving a written request for a redaction 885
pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section, a public office, 886
other than a county auditor, or a person responsible for the 887
public records of a public office, other than a county auditor, 888
shall act within five business days in accordance with the 889
request to redact the address of the ~~peace officer, parole-~~ 890
~~officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney,~~ 891
~~assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth-~~ 892
~~services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau-~~ 893
~~of criminal identification and investigation, or federal law-~~ 894
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker making the 895
request from any record made available to the general public on 896
the internet that includes ~~peace officer, parole officer,~~ 897
~~probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant-~~ 898
~~prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, youth services-~~ 899
~~employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of-~~ 900
~~criminal identification and investigation, or federal law-~~ 901
~~enforcement officer~~ designated public service worker residential 902
and familial information of the ~~person~~ designated public service 903

worker making the request, if practicable. If a redaction is not 904
practicable, the public office or person responsible for the 905
public office's public records shall verbally or in writing 906
within five business days after receiving the written request 907
explain to the ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 908
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 909
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 910
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 911
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 912
public service worker why the redaction is impracticable. 913

(3) Except as provided in this section and section 319.28 914
of the Revised Code, a public office, other than an employer of 915
a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 916
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 917
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 918
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 919
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 920
public service worker, or a person responsible for the public 921
records of the employer, is not required to redact the 922
designated public service worker residential and familial 923
information of the ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation~~ 924
~~officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting~~ 925
~~attorney, correctional employee, youth services employee,~~ 926
~~firefighter, EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal~~ 927
~~identification and investigation, or federal law enforcement~~ 928
~~officer~~ designated public service worker from other records 929
maintained by the public office. 930

(4) The attorney general shall develop a form to be used 931
by a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff,~~ 932
~~prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 933
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 934

~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 935
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer designated~~ 936
public service worker to request a redaction pursuant to 937
division (D) (1) of this section. The form shall include a place 938
to provide any information that identifies the location of the 939
address of ~~a peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 940
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 941
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 942
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 943
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ the designated 944
public service worker to be redacted. 945

(E) (1) If a public office or a person responsible for a 946
public office's public records becomes aware that an electronic 947
record of that public office that is made available to the 948
general public on the internet contains an individual's social 949
security number that was mistakenly not redacted, encrypted, or 950
truncated as required by division (B) (1) or (2) of this section, 951
the public office or person responsible for the public office's 952
public records shall redact, encrypt, or truncate the 953
individual's social security number within a reasonable period 954
of time. 955

(2) A public office or a person responsible for a public 956
office's public records is not liable in damages in a civil 957
action for any harm an individual allegedly sustains as a result 958
of the inclusion of that individual's personal information on 959
any record made available to the general public on the internet 960
or any harm a ~~peace officer, parole officer, probation officer,~~ 961
~~bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney,~~ 962
~~correctional employee, youth services employee, firefighter,~~ 963
~~EMT, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and~~ 964
~~investigation, or federal law enforcement officer~~ designated 965

public service worker sustains as a result of the inclusion of 966
the designated public service worker's address of the peace 967
~~officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting~~ 968
~~attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee,~~ 969
~~youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, investigator of the~~ 970
~~bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or federal~~ 971
~~law enforcement officer~~ on any record made available to the 972
general public on the internet in violation of this section, 973
unless the public office or person responsible for the public 974
office's public records acted with malicious purpose, in bad 975
faith, or in a wanton or reckless manner or unless division (A) 976
(6) (a) or (c) of section 2744.03 of the Revised Code applies. 977

Sec. 319.28. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 978
(B) of this section, on or before the first Monday of August, 979
annually, the county auditor shall compile and make up a general 980
tax list of real and public utility property in the county, 981
either in tabular form and alphabetical order, or, with the 982
consent of the county treasurer, by listing all parcels in a 983
permanent parcel number sequence to which a separate 984
alphabetical index is keyed, containing the names of the several 985
persons, companies, firms, partnerships, associations, and 986
corporations in whose names real property has been listed in 987
each township, municipal corporation, special district, or 988
separate school district, or part of either in the auditor's 989
county, placing separately, in appropriate columns opposite each 990
name, the description of each tract, lot, or parcel of real 991
estate, the value of each tract, lot, or parcel, the value of 992
the improvements thereon, and of the names of the several public 993
utilities whose property, subject to taxation on the general tax 994
list and duplicate, has been apportioned by the department of 995
taxation to the county, and the amount so apportioned to each 996

township, municipal corporation, special district, or separate 997
school district or part of either in the auditor's county, as 998
shown by the certificates of apportionment of public utility 999
property. If the name of the owner of any tract, lot, or parcel 1000
of real estate is unknown to the auditor, "unknown" shall be 1001
entered in the column of names opposite said tract, lot, or 1002
parcel. Such lists shall be prepared in duplicate. On or before 1003
the first Monday of September in each year, the auditor shall 1004
correct such lists in accordance with the additions and 1005
deductions ordered by the tax commissioner and by the county 1006
board of revision, and shall certify and on the first day of 1007
October deliver one copy thereof to the county treasurer. The 1008
copies prepared by the auditor shall constitute the auditor's 1009
general tax list and treasurer's general duplicate of real and 1010
public utility property for the current year. 1011

Once a permanent parcel numbering system has been 1012
established in any county as provided by the preceding 1013
paragraph, such system shall remain in effect until otherwise 1014
agreed upon by the county auditor and county treasurer. 1015

(B) (1) ~~A person~~ An individual, or the spouse of that 1016
individual, whose residential and familial information is ~~exempt~~ 1017
~~from the definition of not a~~ public record under ~~division~~ 1018
~~divisions~~ (A) (1) (p) and (A) (7) of section 149.43 of the Revised 1019
Code may submit ~~a written request by an~~ affidavit to the county 1020
auditor requesting the county auditor to remove the name of the 1021
~~person~~ individual filing the affidavit from any record made 1022
available to the general public on the internet or a publicly 1023
accessible database, and from the general tax list and duplicate 1024
of real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of~~ 1025
~~real and public utility property,~~ and to instead insert the 1026
individual's initials of the person on any such record ~~made~~ 1027

~~available to the general public on the internet or a publicly accessible database,~~ and on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of real and public utility property~~ as the name of the ~~person individual~~ that appears on the deed. 1028
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(2) Upon receiving ~~a written request by an~~ affidavit described in division (B)(1) of this section, the county auditor shall act within five business days in accordance with the request to remove the individual's name ~~of the person~~ from any record made available to the general public on the internet or a publicly accessible database, and from the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of real and public utility property~~ and insert the individual's initials ~~of the person~~ on any such record ~~made available to the general public on the internet or a publicly accessible database~~ and on the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property ~~and the general duplicate of real and public utility property~~, if practicable. If the removal and insertion is not practicable, the county auditor shall verbally or in writing within five business days after receiving the ~~written request~~ affidavit explain to the ~~person individual~~ why the removal and insertion is impracticable. 1033
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Sec. 2101.024. Effective January 2, 2005, the probate judge of the court of common pleas of Logan county shall have all the powers relating to the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family court~~ division of the court of common pleas of Logan county, as established pursuant to division (CC)(1) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code, and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family court~~ division of the court of common pleas of Logan county over matters that are within the 1050
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jurisdiction of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family~~
court division, as set forth in division (CC) (1) of section
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Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 1062
court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 1063
January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 1064
1997, January 9, 2019, and January 2, 2021, and successors, 1065
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1066
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1067
of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 1068
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1069
division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 1070
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1071
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 1072
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 1073
has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1074
legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 1075
In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 1076
senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 1077
board and the county advisory board and shall be the 1078
administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1079
subdivisions and departments. 1080

(B) In Hamilton county: 1081

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas, whose term 1082
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, and the judge of the 1083
court of common pleas, whose term begins on February 14, 1967, 1084
and successors, shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1085
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1086
and jurisdiction conferred by those chapters. 1087

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1088

begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 1089
and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 1090
court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 1091
have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1092
legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 1093
On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 1094
August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 1095
judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 1096
the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 1097
division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 1098
domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 1099
administrative judge for the division before the first day of 1100
August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1101
common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 1102
one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 1103
administrative judge of that division. The term of the 1104
administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 1105
of August of the year in which the administrative judge is 1106
elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected 1107
by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 1108
common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the 1109
administrative judge's successor is elected in the following 1110
year. 1111

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 1112
administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 1113
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1114
subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1115
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1116
division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1117
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1118
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1119

the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 1120

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 1121
relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1122
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1123
personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 1124
personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 1125
provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 1126
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1127
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1128
and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 1129
available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 1130
are parties to an action pending in the division. 1131

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the 1132
sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative 1133
expenses of the division of domestic relations, including 1134
reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the 1135
division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 1136
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1137
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1138
conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 1139
cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 1140
attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 1141
welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 1142
sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 1143
division of domestic relations. 1144

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 1145
salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 1146
treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 1147
division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 1148
by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 1149

relations. 1150

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 1151
writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 1152
staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 1153
county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 1154
provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 1155
other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 1156
summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 1157
an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 1158
investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 1159
assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 1160

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton 1161
county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors 1162
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug 1163
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The 1164
drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the 1165
drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After 1166
the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court 1167
judge has full authority over the case, including the authority 1168
to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and 1169
dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment 1170
is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence. 1171

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1172
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1173
municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 1174
any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 1175
described under divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section. If 1176
the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 1177
case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 1178
court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 1179

described in divisions (B) (3) (a) and (b) of this section that 1180
involves a violation of a condition of a community control 1181
sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 1182
accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 1183
judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 1184

A judge of the general division of the court of common 1185
pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 1186
municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under 1187
division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that 1188
both of the following apply: 1189

(a) One of the following applies: 1190

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in 1191
section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1192
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1193
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1194
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor. 1195

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 1196
section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 1197
third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 1198
1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 1199
offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 1200
and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 1201
becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from 1202
treatment. 1203

(b) All of the following apply: 1204

(i) The case involves an offense for which a community 1205
control sanction may be imposed or is a case in which a 1206
mandatory prison term or a mandatory jail term is not required 1207
to be imposed. 1208

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior.	1209
(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.	1210
(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.	1211 1212
(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.	1213 1214
(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.	1215
(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the county prosecutor approves of the referral.	1216 1217
(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative judge, in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the assignments when the administrative judge determines that the volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge.	1218 1219 1220 1221 1222 1223 1224 1225 1226 1227 1228
(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	1229 1230 1231 1232
(C) (1) In Lorain county:	1233
(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose	1234 1235 1236

term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 1237
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1238
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1239
of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 1240
designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 1241
of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 1242
whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 1243
January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 1244
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1245
and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 1246
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 1247
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1248
shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 1249
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1250
pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 1251
judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 1252
9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 1253
and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1254
parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1255
jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1256
separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge, 1257
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1258
other judge of the court of common pleas. 1259

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the 1260
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1261
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth 1262
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction 1263
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate 1264
court under Chapter 2101. and other provisions of the Revised 1265
Code. 1266

(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1267

domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is 1268
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a 1269
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009, 1270
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1271
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the 1272
probate judge. 1273

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1274
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1275
probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 1276
common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 1277
to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 1278
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1279
relations. 1280

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 1281
with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 1282
clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to 1283
the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1284
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1285
judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1286
relations. 1287

(D) In Lucas county: 1288

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1289
begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 1290
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1291
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1292
of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 1293
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1294
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1295
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 1296
assigned to them. 1297

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

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

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling and conciliation services that may be made available

to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 1329
parties to an action pending in the division. 1330

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1331
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1332
juvenile division is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1333
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in that 1334
judge's division necessitates it, the duties shall be performed 1335
by the judges of the other of those divisions. 1336

(E) In Mahoning county: 1337

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1338
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1339
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1340
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1341
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1342
as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1343
relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 1344
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 1345
the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 1346
of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 1347
shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 1348
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 1349
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1350
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1351
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1352
annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 1353
the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 1354

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1355
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1356
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1357
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1358

addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1359
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1360
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 1361
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1362
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1363
action pending in the division. 1364

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1365
began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 1366
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1367
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1368
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 1369
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1370
shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 1371
2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 1372
conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 1373
duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1374
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1375
and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 1376
the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 1377
the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 1378
juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 1379
the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 1380

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1381
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1382
the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1383
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1384
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1385
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 1386
and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 1387
requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 1388
action pending in the division. 1389

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that judge's judicial duties, or the volume of cases pending in that judge's division necessitates it, that judge's duties shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas. 1390
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(F) In Montgomery county: 1396

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases. 1397
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The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the assignment and division of the work of the division and shall have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. 1406
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(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1420
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shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1422
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1423
of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 1424
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1425
juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and 1426
jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 1427
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 1428

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1429
the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 1430
service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 1431
its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 1432
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1433
juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 1434
engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 1435
The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 1436
title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1437
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1438
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1439
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1440
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1441
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1442
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1443
the division. 1444

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1445
division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 1446
court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1447
unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 1448
pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 1449
that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 1450

of those divisions. 1451

(G) In Richland county: 1452

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1453
begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 1454
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1455
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1456
of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 1457
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1458
domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 1459
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1460
annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 1461
section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 1462
proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 1463
matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 1464
jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 1465
pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 1466
control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 1467
and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 1468
of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 1469
divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 1470
separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 1471
of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 1472
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 1473
subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 1474
court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 1475
assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 1476
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1477
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1478
rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 1479
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 1480
proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 1481

act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 1482
post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 1483
of those matters. 1484

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1485
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 1486
be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 1487
subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 1488
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1489
domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 1490
considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 1491
judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 1492
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 1493
employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 1494
shall fix their duties. 1495

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1496
begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 1497
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1498
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1499
common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 1500
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1501
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1502
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1503
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1504
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1505
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1506
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 1507
parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 1508
time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 1509
rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 1510
post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 1511
of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 1512

have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1513
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1514
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1515

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 1516
the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 1517
division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 1518
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1519
the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 1520
handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 1521
any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 1522
discharge of the judge's various duties. 1523

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate 1524
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1525
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1526
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1527
other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 1528
investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 1529
conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 1530
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1531
an action pending in the court, who request the services. 1532

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 1533
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 1534
January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 1535
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1536
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1537
common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 1538
as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 1539
They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 1540
all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 1541
all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 1542

jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1543
separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 1544
to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 1545
special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 1546

(2) The judge of the family court division, second most 1547
senior in point of service, shall have charge of the employment 1548
and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 1549
handling, servicing, or investigating divorce, dissolution of 1550
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, and necessary 1551
referees required for the judge's respective court. 1552

(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in 1553
point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 1554
administration of sections 2151.13, 2151.16, 2151.17, and 1555
2152.71 of the Revised Code and with the assignment and division 1556
of the work of the division and the employment and supervision 1557
of all other personnel of the division, including, but not 1558
limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those 1559
employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior 1560
in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in 1561
every other position in which the statutes permit or require a 1562
juvenile judge to serve. 1563

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 1564
to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 1565
division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 1566
division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 1567
relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 1568
county, as being references to "the family court division" or 1569
"the judge of the family court division." 1570

(I) In Summit county: 1571

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1572
begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 1573
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1574
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1575
of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 1576
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1577
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1578
domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 1579
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1580
annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 1581
are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1582
juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 1583
shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 1584
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 1585
of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1586
and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining 1587
to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic 1588
relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings 1589
under the uniform interstate family support act contained in 1590
Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1591

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1592
point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1593
relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 1594
shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 1595
of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 1596
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1597
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1598
separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 1599
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1600
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1601
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1602

to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1603
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1604
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1605
counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1606
request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1607
action pending in the division. 1608

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1609
begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1610
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1611
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1612
common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1613
as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1614
shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1615
judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1616
Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1617
jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1618
division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1619
shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 1620
custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1621
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 1622
any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 1623
any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 1624
not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1625
assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1626
support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1627

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1628
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1629
have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1630
the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1631
referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1632
investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1633

title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1634
absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1635
fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1636
other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1637
and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1638
conciliation services that are available upon request to 1639
persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1640
the division. 1641

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common 1642
pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977, 1643
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1644
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1645
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county 1646
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1647
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1648
all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1649
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1650
proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and 1651
all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1652
annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for 1653
some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1654
court of common pleas. 1655

(K) In Butler county: 1656

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1657
begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1658
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1659
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1660
of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1661
elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1662
division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1663

domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1664
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1665
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1666
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1667
pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1668
have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1669
division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1670
respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1671
or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1672
marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1673
cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1674
requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1675
is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1676
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1677
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1678
for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1679
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1680
juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1681
and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1682
neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1683
matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1684
point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1685
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1686
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1687
division. 1688

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1689
the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1690
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1691
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1692
to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1693
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1694

marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1695
any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1696
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1697
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1698

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1699
begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1700
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1701
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1702
of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1703
and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1704
division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1705
Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1706
and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1707
that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1708
juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1709
have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1710
assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1711
certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1712
determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1713
child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1714
ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1715
order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1716
dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1717
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1718
senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1719
juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1720
judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1721
employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1722
juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1723
investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1724
judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1725

various duties. 1726

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1727
designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1728
leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1729
and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1730
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1731
servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1732
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1733
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1734
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1735

(3) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1736
domestic relations or juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 1737
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or the volume of 1738
cases pending in the judge's division necessitates it, the 1739
duties of that judge shall be performed by the other judges of 1740
the domestic relations and juvenile divisions. 1741

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1742
common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1743
1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1744
and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1745
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1746
as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1747
and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1748
common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1749
all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1750
legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1751
assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1752
some special reason. 1753

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the 1754
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments 1755

and has the following powers concerning division personnel: 1756

(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and 1757
supervision; 1758

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses, 1759
allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations. 1760

(3) "Division personnel" include persons employed or 1761
referees engaged in hearing, servicing, investigating, 1762
counseling, or conciliating divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1763
legal separation and annulment matters. 1764

(M) In Lake county: 1765

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1766
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1767
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1768
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1769
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and 1770
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1771
domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1772
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1773
coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1774
reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1775
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1776
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1777
supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1778
division. 1779

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1780
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1781
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1782
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1783
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1784

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1785
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1786
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1787
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1788
division, who request the services. 1789

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1790
begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1791
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1792
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1793
common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1794
judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1795
be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1796
the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1797
those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1798
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1799
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1800
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1801
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1802
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1803
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1804
the judge's various duties. 1805

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1806
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1807
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1808
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1809
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1810
cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1811
that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1812
persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1813
request the services. 1814

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

(N) In Erie county:

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

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

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors,

the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1845
term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1846
the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1847
February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1848
in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1849
the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1850
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1851
coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1852
jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1853
provisions, of the Revised Code. 1854

(0) In Greene county: 1855

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1856
begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1857
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1858
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1859
of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1860
designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1861
of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce, 1862
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform 1863
reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and 1864
all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that 1865
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1866
court of common pleas. 1867

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1868
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1869
supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1870
also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of 1871
absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1872
shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1873
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1874

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1875
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1876
and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1877
the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1878
who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1879
in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1880
personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1881
be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1882
general division of the court of common pleas. 1883

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1884
begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1885
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1886
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1887
of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1888
designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1889
division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1890
juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1891
Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1892
chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1893
division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1894
and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1895
charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1896
personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1897
servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1898
referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1899
the judge's various duties. 1900

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1901
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1902
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1903
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1904
include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1905

cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1906
that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1907
persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1908
request the services. 1909

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1910
general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1911
judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1912
general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1913
the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1914
division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1915
division. 1916

(P) In Portage county, the judge of the court of common 1917
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1918
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1919
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1920
judges of the court of common pleas of Portage county and shall 1921
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1922
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1923
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1924
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1925
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1926
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1927
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1928
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1929
domestic relations division. 1930

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1931
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1932
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1933
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1934
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1935

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1936
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1937
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1938
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1939
division, who request the services. 1940

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1941
pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1942
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1943
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1944
judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1945
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1946
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1947
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1948
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1949
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1950
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1951
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1952
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1953
domestic relations division. 1954

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1955
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1956
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1957
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1958
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1959
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1960
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1961
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1962
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1963
division, who request the services. 1964

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1965

pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1966
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1967
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1968
judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1969
be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1970
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1971
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1972
annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1973
for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1974
court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1975
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1976
employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1977
domestic relations division. 1978

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1979
expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1980
the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1981
duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1982
shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1983
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1984
annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1985
services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1986
or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1987
division, who request the services. 1988

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1989
pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1990
2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1991
exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1992
compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1993
Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1994
the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1995
judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1996

legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1997
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1998
child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1999
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2000
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2001
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2002
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 2003
cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 2004
of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 2005
division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 2006
assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 2007
employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 2008

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 2009
relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2010
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2011
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2012
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2013
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2014
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2015
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2016
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2017
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2018
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2019
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2020
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 2021
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2022
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2023
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2024

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 2025
pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 2026
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2027

jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2028
judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 2029
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2030
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2031
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2032
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2033
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2034
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2035
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2036
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2037
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2038
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2039
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2040
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2041
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2042
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2043

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2044
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2045
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2046
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2047
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2048
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2049
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2050
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2051
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2052
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2053
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2054
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2055
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2056
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2057
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2058

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 2059
pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 2060
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2061
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2062
of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 2063
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2064
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2065
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2066
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2067
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2068
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2069
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2070
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2071
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2072
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2073
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2074
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2075
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2076
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2077

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2078
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2079
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2080
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2081
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2082
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2083
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2084
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2085
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2086
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2087
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2088
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2089

conciliation services that the division makes available to 2090
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2091
pending in the division, who request the services. 2092

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 2093
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2094
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2095
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2096
judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 2097
shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 2098
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2099
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2100
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2101
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2102
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2103
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2104
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2105
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2106
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2107
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2108
pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 2109
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2110
Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 2111
the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2112
Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 2113
state, cases that are commenced by a parent, guardian, or 2114
custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 2115
Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 2116
to pay child support for that child when the request for that 2117
order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 2118
marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 2119
action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 2120

for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 2121
action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2122
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2123
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2124
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 2125
proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 2126

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be 2127
charged with the assignment and division of the work of the 2128
division and with the employment and supervision of the 2129
personnel of the division. 2130

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2131
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2132
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2133
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2134
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2135
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2136
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2137
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2138
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2139
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2140
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2141
custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 2142
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2143
available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 2144
parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 2145
services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 2146
of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 2147
who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 2148
that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 2149
child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 2150
obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 2151

support for that child when the request for that order is not 2152
ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 2153
annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 2154
involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 2155
support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 2156
that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 2157
probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 2158
Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 2159
is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 2160
personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 2161
handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases. 2162

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common 2163
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors, 2164
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2165
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2166
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be 2167
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2168
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers 2169
relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 2170
and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 2171
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 2172
court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 2173
division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 2174
marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 2175
support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 2176
relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 2177
and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 2178
assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 2179
and the judges of the general division. 2180

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 2181
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the 2182

children services board and the county advisory board. 2183

(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 2184
county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 2185
unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 2186
presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 2187
determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 2188
domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 2189
the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 2190
judges of the general division or probate division of the court 2191
of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 2192
the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 2193
shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 2194
domestic relations of that court. 2195

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common 2196
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 2197
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2198
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 2199
of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 2200
elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 2201
division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 2202
divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 2203
annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2204
Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2205
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2206
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2207
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 2208
all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 2209
and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 2210
are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 2211
judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 2212
work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 2213

the personnel of the division. 2214

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2215
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2216
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2217
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 2218
addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 2219
servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 2220
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 2221
under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 2222
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2223
responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 2224
for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2225
parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 2226
conciliation services that the division makes available to 2227
persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 2228
pending in the division, who request the services. 2229

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 2230
juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 2231
also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 2232
division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 2233
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 2234
coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 2235
administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 2236
charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 2237
investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2238
separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 2239
considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 2240
duties. 2241

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 2242
pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 2243

to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2244
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2245
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 2246
county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 2247
of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 2248
Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 2249
the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 2250
to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 2251
of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2252
the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2253
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2254
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2255
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2256
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2257
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2258
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 2259
and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 2260
(Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 2261
of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 2262
2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 2263
whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 2264
that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 2265
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 2266
addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 2267
and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 2268
probate division of that court over all matters that are within 2269
the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 2270
Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 2271
addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile- 2272
probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 2273
(Z) (1) of this section. 2274

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2275
division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 2276
judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 2277
Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 2278
length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 2279
regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 2280
as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 2281
pleas of Marion county. 2282

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 2283
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 2284
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 2285
with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 2286
probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2287
division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 2288
probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations- 2289
juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 2290
references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 2291
construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 2292
the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this 2293
section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of 2294
common pleas of Marion county. 2295

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 2296
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 2297
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2298
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2299
judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 2300
shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 2301
common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 2302
assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 2303
and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 2304
the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 2305

allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2306
of children and the designation for the children of a place of 2307
residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 2308
and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 2309
cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 2310
reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 2311
pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 2312
division of the work of the division and with the employment and 2313
supervision of the personnel of the division. 2314

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 2315
allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 2316
personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 2317
personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 2318
division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 2319
the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 2320
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2321
cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 2322
proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 2323
rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 2324
designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 2325
custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 2326
counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 2327
available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 2328
an action pending in the division, who request the services. 2329

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 2330
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 2331
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2332
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2333
judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 2334
elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2335
pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 2336

of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 2337
Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 2338
proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 2339
which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 2340
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 2341
all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 2342
parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 2343
and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 2344
legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post- 2345
decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 2346
proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 2347
that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 2348
the court of common pleas. 2349

(CC) (1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 2350
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 2351
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 2352
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 2353
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 2354
and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 2355
common pleas, ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family court~~ 2356
division. Except as otherwise specified in this division, that 2357
judge, and the successors to that judge, shall have all the 2358
powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2359
2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all cases arising under 2360
Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of 2361
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings 2362
involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 2363
responsibilities for the care of children and designation for 2364
the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 2365
parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 2366
and matters arising from those cases and proceedings shall be 2367

assigned to that judge and the successors to that judge. 2368
Notwithstanding any other provision of any section of the 2369
Revised Code, on and after January 2, 2005, the judge of the 2370
court of common pleas of Logan county whose term begins on 2371
January 2, 2005, and the successors to that judge, shall have 2372
all the powers relating to the probate division of the court of 2373
common pleas of Logan county in addition to the powers 2374
previously specified in this division and shall exercise 2375
concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the probate division 2376
of that court over all matters that are within the jurisdiction 2377
of the probate division of that court under Chapter 2101., and 2378
other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to the 2379
jurisdiction of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate family~~ 2380
court division of that court otherwise specified in division 2381
(CC) (1) of this section. 2382

(2) The judge of the ~~domestic relations juvenile probate~~ 2383
family court division of the court of common pleas of Logan 2384
county or the probate judge of the court of common pleas of 2385
Logan county who is elected as the administrative judge of the 2386
~~probate family court~~ division of the court of common pleas of 2387
Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of Superintendence 2388
shall be the clerk of the ~~probate division and juvenile family~~ 2389
court division of the court of common pleas of Logan county. ~~The~~ 2390
~~clerk of the court of common pleas who is elected pursuant to~~ 2391
~~section 2303.01 of the Revised Code shall keep all of the~~ 2392
~~journals, records, books, papers, and files pertaining to the~~ 2393
~~domestic relations cases.~~ 2394

(3) On and after ~~January 2, 2005,~~ the effective date of 2395
this amendment, all references in law to "the probate court," 2396
"the probate judge," "the juvenile court," or "the judge of the 2397
juvenile court" shall be construed, with respect to Logan 2398

county, as being references to both "the probate division" and 2399
the "~~domestic relations juvenile probate~~"family court division" 2400
and as being references to both "the judge of the probate 2401
division" and the "judge of the ~~domestic relations juvenile~~ 2402
~~probate~~"family court division." On and after ~~January 2, 2005~~the 2403
effective date of this amendment, all references in law to "the 2404
clerk of the probate court" shall be construed, with respect to 2405
Logan county, as being references to the judge who is serving 2406
pursuant to division (CC) (2) of this section as the clerk of the 2407
~~probate~~"family court division of the court of common pleas of 2408
Logan county. 2409

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 2410
common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 2411
of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 2412
2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 2413
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 2414
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 2415
of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 2416
designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 2417
relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 2418
specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 2419
those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 2420
courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 2421
Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 2422
Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 2423
separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 2424
support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 2425
for the care of children and the designation for the children of 2426
a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 2427
visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 2428
from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 2429

judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 2430
other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 2431
February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as 2432
judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 2433
domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 2434
to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 2435
courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 2436
division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 2437
are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 2438
2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 2439
the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 2440
division otherwise specified in division (DD) (1) of this 2441
section. 2442

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 2443
to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 2444
court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 2445
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 2446
"domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 2447
references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile- 2448
probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 2449
in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 2450
with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 2451
judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 2452
Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 2453
judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile- 2454
probate division. 2455

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 2456
pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 2457
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 2458
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 2459
judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 2460

be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 2461
pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 2462
marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 2463
post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 2464
paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 2465
allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 2466
of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post- 2467
decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 2468
persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 2469
some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 2470
of common pleas. 2471

(FF) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 2472
domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 2473
mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 2474
that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 2475
the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 2476
shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 2477
of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 2478
of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 2479
or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 2480

Section 2. That existing sections 149.43, 149.45, 319.28, 2481
2101.024, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2482

Section 3. Section 149.45 of the Revised Code is presented 2483
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both 2484
Sub. H.B. 317 and Sub. H.B. 359 of the 131st General Assembly. 2485
The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division 2486
(B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to 2487
be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, 2488
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section 2489
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as 2490

presented in this act.

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