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A BILL

To amend sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, 2
and 1907.11 of the Revised Code to create the 3
Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on 4
January 1, 2017, to establish one full-time 5
judgeship in that court, to provide for the 6
nomination of the judge by petition only, to 7
abolish the Perry County County Court on that 8
date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of 9
Courts as the clerk of the Perry County 10
Municipal Court, and to provide for the election 11
for the Perry County Municipal Court of one 12
full-time judge in 2017. 13

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 14
1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the 15
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 16

Sec. 1901.01. (A) There is hereby established a municipal 17
court in each of the following municipal corporations: 18

Akron, Alliance, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Avon Lake, 19

Barberton, Bedford, Bellefontaine, Bellevue, Berea, Bowling 20
Green, Bryan, Bucyrus, Cambridge, Campbell, Canton, Carrollton, 21
Celina, Chardon, Chesapeake, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, 22
Circleville, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Columbus, Conneaut, 23
Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls, Dayton, Defiance, Delaware, East 24
Cleveland, East Liverpool, Eaton, Elyria, Euclid, Fairborn, 25
Fairfield, Findlay, Franklin, Fremont, Gallipolis, Garfield 26
Heights, Georgetown, Girard, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, 27
Huron, Ironton, Jackson, Kenton, Kettering, Lakewood, Lancaster, 28
Lebanon, Lima, Logan, London, Lorain, Lyndhurst, Mansfield, 29
Marietta, Marion, Marysville, Mason, Massillon, Maumee, Medina, 30
Mentor, Miamisburg, Middletown, Millersburg, Mount Gilead, Mount 31
Vernon, Napoleon, Newark, New Lexington, New Philadelphia, 32
Newton Falls, Niles, Norwalk, Oakwood, Oberlin, Oregon, Ottawa, 33
Painesville, Parma, Perrysburg, Port Clinton, Portsmouth, 34
Ravenna, Rocky River, Sandusky, Shaker Heights, Shelby, Sidney, 35
South Euclid, Springfield, Steubenville, Struthers, Sylvania, 36
Tiffin, Toledo, Troy, Upper Sandusky, Urbana, Vandalia, Van 37
Wert, Vermilion, Wadsworth, Wapakoneta, Warren, City of 38
Washington in Fayette county, to be known as Washington Court 39
House, Willoughby, Wilmington, Wooster, Xenia, Youngstown, and 40
Zanesville. 41

(B) There is hereby established a municipal court within 42
Clermont county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation 43
or unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is 44
selected by the legislative authority of the Clermont county 45
municipal court. The municipal court established by this 46
division is a continuation of the municipal court previously 47
established in Batavia by this section before the enactment of 48
this division. 49

(C) There is hereby established a municipal court within 50

Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal 51
corporation or unincorporated territory within Columbiana 52
county, except the municipal corporation of East Liverpool or 53
Liverpool or St. Clair township, that is selected by the judges 54
of the municipal court pursuant to division (I) of section 55
1901.021 of the Revised Code. 56

(D) Effective January 1, 2008, there is hereby established 57
a municipal court within Erie county in Milan or in any other 58
municipal corporation or unincorporated territory within Erie 59
county that is within the territorial jurisdiction of the Erie 60
county municipal court and is selected by the legislative 61
authority of that court. 62

(E) The Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall remain in 63
existence until December 31, 2008, and shall be replaced by the 64
Stow municipal court on January 1, 2009. 65

(F) Effective January 1, 2009, there is hereby established 66
a municipal court in the municipal corporation of Stow. 67

(G) Effective July 1, 2010, there is hereby established a 68
municipal court within Montgomery county in any municipal 69
corporation or unincorporated territory within Montgomery 70
county, except the municipal corporations of Centerville, 71
Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, 72
Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West Carrollton and 73
Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships, that 74
is selected by the legislative authority of that court. 75

(H) Effective January 1, 2013, there is hereby established 76
a municipal court within Sandusky county in any municipal 77
corporation or unincorporated territory within Sandusky county, 78
except the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and 79

Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships, that is selected by the 80
legislative authority of that court. 81

Sec. 1901.02. (A) The municipal courts established by 82
section 1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction within the 83
corporate limits of their respective municipal corporations, or, 84
for the Clermont county municipal court, the Columbiana county 85
municipal court, and, effective January 1, 2008, the Erie county 86
municipal court, within the municipal corporation or 87
unincorporated territory in which they are established, and are 88
courts of record. Each of the courts shall be styled 89
"..... municipal court," inserting 90
the name of the municipal corporation, except the following 91
courts, which shall be styled as set forth below: 92

(1) The municipal court established in Chesapeake that 93
shall be styled and known as the "Lawrence county municipal 94
court"; 95

(2) The municipal court established in Cincinnati that 96
shall be styled and known as the "Hamilton county municipal 97
court"; 98

(3) The municipal court established in Ravenna that shall 99
be styled and known as the "Portage county municipal court"; 100

(4) The municipal court established in Athens that shall 101
be styled and known as the "Athens county municipal court"; 102

(5) The municipal court established in Columbus that shall 103
be styled and known as the "Franklin county municipal court"; 104

(6) The municipal court established in London that shall 105
be styled and known as the "Madison county municipal court"; 106

(7) The municipal court established in Newark that shall 107

be styled and known as the "Licking county municipal court";	108
(8) The municipal court established in Wooster that shall	109
be styled and known as the "Wayne county municipal court";	110
(9) The municipal court established in Wapakoneta that	111
shall be styled and known as the "Auglaize county municipal	112
court";	113
(10) The municipal court established in Troy that shall be	114
styled and known as the "Miami county municipal court";	115
(11) The municipal court established in Bucyrus that shall	116
be styled and known as the "Crawford county municipal court";	117
(12) The municipal court established in Logan that shall	118
be styled and known as the "Hocking county municipal court";	119
(13) The municipal court established in Urbana that shall	120
be styled and known as the "Champaign county municipal court";	121
(14) The municipal court established in Jackson that shall	122
be styled and known as the "Jackson county municipal court";	123
(15) The municipal court established in Springfield that	124
shall be styled and known as the "Clark county municipal court";	125
(16) The municipal court established in Kenton that shall	126
be styled and known as the "Hardin county municipal court";	127
(17) The municipal court established within Clermont	128
county in Batavia or in any other municipal corporation or	129
unincorporated territory within Clermont county that is selected	130
by the legislative authority of that court that shall be styled	131
and known as the "Clermont county municipal court";	132
(18) The municipal court established in Wilmington that,	133
beginning July 1, 1992, shall be styled and known as the	134

"Clinton county municipal court";	135
(19) The municipal court established in Port Clinton that shall be styled and known as the "Ottawa county municipal court";	136 137 138
(20) The municipal court established in Lancaster that, beginning January 2, 2000, shall be styled and known as the "Fairfield county municipal court";	139 140 141
(21) The municipal court established within Columbiana county in Lisbon or in any other municipal corporation or unincorporated territory selected pursuant to division (I) of section 1901.021 of the Revised Code, that shall be styled and known as the "Columbiana county municipal court";	142 143 144 145 146
(22) The municipal court established in Georgetown that, beginning February 9, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Brown county municipal court";	147 148 149
(23) The municipal court established in Mount Gilead that, beginning January 1, 2003, shall be styled and known as the "Morrow county municipal court";	150 151 152
(24) The municipal court established in Greenville that, beginning January 1, 2005, shall be styled and known as the "Darke county municipal court";	153 154 155
(25) The municipal court established in Millersburg that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Holmes county municipal court";	156 157 158
(26) The municipal court established in Carrollton that, beginning January 1, 2007, shall be styled and known as the "Carroll county municipal court";	159 160 161
(27) The municipal court established within Erie county in	162

Milan or established in any other municipal corporation or 163
unincorporated territory that is within Erie county, is within 164
the territorial jurisdiction of that court, and is selected by 165
the legislative authority of that court that, beginning January 166
1, 2008, shall be styled and known as the "Erie county municipal 167
court"; 168

(28) The municipal court established in Ottawa that, 169
beginning January 1, 2011, shall be styled and known as the 170
"Putnam county municipal court"; 171

(29) The municipal court established within Montgomery 172
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 173
within Montgomery county, except the municipal corporations of 174
Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, 175
Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Union, Vandalia, and West 176
Carrollton and Butler, German, Harrison, Miami, and Washington 177
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 178
court and that, beginning July 1, 2010, shall be styled and 179
known as the "Montgomery county municipal court"; 180

(30) The municipal court established within Sandusky 181
county in any municipal corporation or unincorporated territory 182
within Sandusky county, except the municipal corporations of 183
Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York 184
townships, that is selected by the legislative authority of that 185
court and that, beginning January 1, 2013, shall be styled and 186
known as the "Sandusky county municipal court"; 187

(31) The municipal court established in Tiffin that, 188
beginning January 1, 2014, shall be styled and known as the 189
"Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court"; 190

(32) The municipal court established in New Lexington 191

<u>that, beginning January 1, 2017, shall be styled and known as</u>	192
<u>the "Perry county municipal court."</u>	193
(B) In addition to the jurisdiction set forth in division	194
(A) of this section, the municipal courts established by section	195
1901.01 of the Revised Code have jurisdiction as follows:	196
The Akron municipal court has jurisdiction within Bath,	197
Richfield, and Springfield townships, and within the municipal	198
corporations of Fairlawn, Lakemore, and Mogadore, in Summit	199
county.	200
The Alliance municipal court has jurisdiction within	201
Lexington, Marlboro, Paris, and Washington townships in Stark	202
county.	203
The Ashland municipal court has jurisdiction within	204
Ashland county.	205
The Ashtabula municipal court has jurisdiction within	206
Ashtabula, Plymouth, and Saybrook townships in Ashtabula county.	207
The Athens county municipal court has jurisdiction within	208
Athens county.	209
The Auglaize county municipal court has jurisdiction	210
within Auglaize county.	211
The Avon Lake municipal court has jurisdiction within the	212
municipal corporations of Avon and Sheffield in Lorain county.	213
The Barberton municipal court has jurisdiction within	214
Coventry, Franklin, and Green townships, within all of Copley	215
township except within the municipal corporation of Fairlawn,	216
and within the municipal corporations of Clinton and Norton, in	217
Summit county.	218

The Bedford municipal court has jurisdiction within the	219
municipal corporations of Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Glenwillow,	220
Solon, Bentleyville, Chagrin Falls, Moreland Hills, Orange,	221
Warrensville Heights, North Randall, and Woodmere, and within	222
Warrensville and Chagrin Falls townships, in Cuyahoga county.	223
The Bellefontaine municipal court has jurisdiction within	224
Logan county.	225
The Bellevue municipal court has jurisdiction within Lyme	226
and Sherman townships in Huron county and within York township	227
in Sandusky county.	228
The Berea municipal court has jurisdiction within the	229
municipal corporations of Strongsville, Middleburgh Heights,	230
Brook Park, Westview, and Olmsted Falls, and within Olmsted	231
township, in Cuyahoga county.	232
The Bowling Green municipal court has jurisdiction within	233
the municipal corporations of Bairdstown, Bloomdale, Bradner,	234
Custar, Cygnet, Grand Rapids, Haskins, Hoytville, Jerry City,	235
Milton Center, North Baltimore, Pemberville, Portage, Rising	236
Sun, Tontogany, Wayne, West Millgrove, and Weston, and within	237
Bloom, Center, Freedom, Grand Rapids, Henry, Jackson, Liberty,	238
Middleton, Milton, Montgomery, Plain, Portage, Washington,	239
Webster, and Weston townships in Wood county.	240
Beginning February 9, 2003, the Brown county municipal	241
court has jurisdiction within Brown county.	242
The Bryan municipal court has jurisdiction within Williams	243
county.	244
The Cambridge municipal court has jurisdiction within	245
Guernsey county.	246

The Campbell municipal court has jurisdiction within Coitsville township in Mahoning county.	247 248
The Canton municipal court has jurisdiction within Canton, Lake, Nimishillen, Osnaburg, Pike, Plain, and Sandy townships in Stark county.	249 250 251
The Carroll county municipal court has jurisdiction within Carroll county.	252 253
The Celina municipal court has jurisdiction within Mercer county.	254 255
The Champaign county municipal court has jurisdiction within Champaign county.	256 257
The Chardon municipal court has jurisdiction within Geauga county.	258 259
The Chillicothe municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross county.	260 261
The Circleville municipal court has jurisdiction within Pickaway county.	262 263
The Clark county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clark county.	264 265
The Clermont county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clermont county.	266 267
The Cleveland municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporation of Bratenahl in Cuyahoga county.	268 269
Beginning July 1, 1992, the Clinton county municipal court has jurisdiction within Clinton county.	270 271
The Columbiana county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Columbiana county except within the municipal	272 273

corporation of East Liverpool and except within Liverpool and St. Clair townships.	274 275
The Coshocton municipal court has jurisdiction within Coshocton county.	276 277
The Crawford county municipal court has jurisdiction within Crawford county.	278 279
Until December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	280 281 282 283 284 285
Beginning January 1, 2005, the Darke county municipal court has jurisdiction within Darke county except within the municipal corporation of Bradford.	286 287 288
The Defiance municipal court has jurisdiction within Defiance county.	289 290
The Delaware municipal court has jurisdiction within Delaware county.	291 292
The East Liverpool municipal court has jurisdiction within Liverpool and St. Clair townships in Columbiana county.	293 294
The Eaton municipal court has jurisdiction within Preble county.	295 296
The Elyria municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Grafton, LaGrange, and North Ridgeville, and within Elyria, Carlisle, Eaton, Columbia, Grafton, and LaGrange townships, in Lorain county.	297 298 299 300

Beginning January 1, 2008, the Erie county municipal court	301
has jurisdiction within Erie county except within the townships	302
of Florence, Huron, Perkins, and Vermilion and the municipal	303
corporations of Bay View, Castalia, Huron, Sandusky, and	304
Vermilion.	305
The Fairborn municipal court has jurisdiction within the	306
municipal corporation of Beavercreek and within Bath and	307
Beavercreek townships in Greene county.	308
Beginning January 2, 2000, the Fairfield county municipal	309
court has jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	310
The Findlay municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	311
Hancock county except within Washington township.	312
The Franklin municipal court has jurisdiction within	313
Franklin township in Warren county.	314
The Franklin county municipal court has jurisdiction	315
within Franklin county.	316
The Fremont municipal court has jurisdiction within	317
Ballville and Sandusky townships in Sandusky county.	318
The Gallipolis municipal court has jurisdiction within	319
Gallia county.	320
The Garfield Heights municipal court has jurisdiction	321
within the municipal corporations of Maple Heights, Walton	322
Hills, Valley View, Cuyahoga Heights, Newburgh Heights,	323
Independence, and Brecksville in Cuyahoga county.	324
The Girard municipal court has jurisdiction within	325
Liberty, Vienna, and Hubbard townships in Trumbull county.	326
The Hamilton municipal court has jurisdiction within Ross	327

and St. Clair townships in Butler county.	328
The Hamilton county municipal court has jurisdiction	329
within Hamilton county.	330
The Hardin county municipal court has jurisdiction within	331
Hardin county.	332
The Hillsboro municipal court has jurisdiction within all	333
of Highland county except within Madison township.	334
The Hocking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	335
Hocking county.	336
The Holmes county municipal court has jurisdiction within	337
Holmes county.	338
The Huron municipal court has jurisdiction within all of	339
Huron township in Erie county except within the municipal	340
corporation of Sandusky.	341
The Ironton municipal court has jurisdiction within Aid,	342
Decatur, Elizabeth, Hamilton, Lawrence, Upper, and Washington	343
townships in Lawrence county.	344
The Jackson county municipal court has jurisdiction within	345
Jackson county.	346
The Kettering municipal court has jurisdiction within the	347
municipal corporations of Centerville and Moraine, and within	348
Washington township, in Montgomery county.	349
Until January 2, 2000, the Lancaster municipal court has	350
jurisdiction within Fairfield county.	351
The Lawrence county municipal court has jurisdiction	352
within the townships of Fayette, Mason, Perry, Rome, Symmes,	353
Union, and Windsor in Lawrence county.	354

The Lebanon municipal court has jurisdiction within	355
Turtlecreek township in Warren county.	356
The Licking county municipal court has jurisdiction within	357
Licking county.	358
The Lima municipal court has jurisdiction within Allen	359
county.	360
The Lorain municipal court has jurisdiction within the	361
municipal corporation of Sheffield Lake, and within Sheffield	362
township, in Lorain county.	363
The Lyndhurst municipal court has jurisdiction within the	364
municipal corporations of Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills,	365
Mayfield, Highland Heights, and Richmond Heights in Cuyahoga	366
county.	367
The Madison county municipal court has jurisdiction within	368
Madison county.	369
The Mansfield municipal court has jurisdiction within	370
Madison, Springfield, Sandusky, Franklin, Weller, Mifflin, Troy,	371
Washington, Monroe, Perry, Jefferson, and Worthington townships,	372
and within sections 35-36-31 and 32 of Butler township, in	373
Richland county.	374
The Marietta municipal court has jurisdiction within	375
Washington county.	376
The Marion municipal court has jurisdiction within Marion	377
county.	378
The Marysville municipal court has jurisdiction within	379
Union county.	380
The Mason municipal court has jurisdiction within	381

Deerfield township in Warren county.	382
The Massillon municipal court has jurisdiction within	383
Bethlehem, Perry, Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas, Lawrence, and Jackson	384
townships in Stark county.	385
The Maumee municipal court has jurisdiction within the	386
municipal corporations of Waterville and Whitehouse, within	387
Waterville and Providence townships, and within those portions	388
of Springfield, Monclova, and Swanton townships lying south of	389
the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, in Lucas	390
county.	391
The Medina municipal court has jurisdiction within the	392
municipal corporations of Briarwood Beach, Brunswick, Chippewa-	393
on-the-Lake, and Spencer and within the townships of Brunswick	394
Hills, Chatham, Granger, Hinckley, Lafayette, Litchfield,	395
Liverpool, Medina, Montville, Spencer, and York townships, in	396
Medina county.	397
The Mentor municipal court has jurisdiction within the	398
municipal corporation of Mentor-on-the-Lake in Lake county.	399
The Miami county municipal court has jurisdiction within	400
Miami county and within the part of the municipal corporation of	401
Bradford that is located in Darke county.	402
The Miamisburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the	403
municipal corporations of Germantown and West Carrollton, and	404
within German and Miami townships in Montgomery county.	405
The Middletown municipal court has jurisdiction within	406
Madison township, and within all of Lemon township, except	407
within the municipal corporation of Monroe, in Butler county.	408
Beginning July 1, 2010, the Montgomery county municipal	409

court has jurisdiction within all of Montgomery county except 410
for the municipal corporations of Centerville, Clayton, Dayton, 411
Englewood, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, 412
Union, Vandalia, and West Carrolllton and Butler, German, 413
Harrison, Miami, and Washington townships. 414

Beginning January 1, 2003, the Morrow county municipal 415
court has jurisdiction within Morrow county. 416

The Mount Vernon municipal court has jurisdiction within 417
Knox county. 418

The Napoleon municipal court has jurisdiction within Henry 419
county. 420

The New Philadelphia municipal court has jurisdiction 421
within the municipal corporation of Dover, and within Auburn, 422
Bucks, Fairfield, Goshen, Jefferson, Warren, York, Dover, 423
Franklin, Lawrence, Sandy, Sugarcreek, and Wayne townships in 424
Tuscarawas county. 425

The Newton Falls municipal court has jurisdiction within 426
Bristol, Bloomfield, Lordstown, Newton, Braceville, Southington, 427
Farmington, and Mesopotamia townships in Trumbull county. 428

The Niles municipal court has jurisdiction within the 429
municipal corporation of McDonald, and within Weathersfield 430
township in Trumbull county. 431

The Norwalk municipal court has jurisdiction within all of 432
Huron county except within the municipal corporation of Bellevue 433
and except within Lyme and Sherman townships. 434

The Oberlin municipal court has jurisdiction within the 435
municipal corporations of Amherst, Kipton, Rochester, South 436
Amherst, and Wellington, and within Henrietta, Russia, Camden, 437

Pittsfield, Brighton, Wellington, Penfield, Rochester, and 438
Huntington townships, and within all of Amherst township except 439
within the municipal corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 440

The Oregon municipal court has jurisdiction within the 441
municipal corporation of Harbor View, and within Jerusalem 442
township, in Lucas county, and north within Maumee Bay and Lake 443
Erie to the boundary line between Ohio and Michigan between the 444
easterly boundary of the court and the easterly boundary of the 445
Toledo municipal court. 446

The Ottawa county municipal court has jurisdiction within 447
Ottawa county. 448

The Painesville municipal court has jurisdiction within 449
Painesville, Perry, Leroy, Concord, and Madison townships in 450
Lake county. 451

The Parma municipal court has jurisdiction within the 452
municipal corporations of Parma Heights, Brooklyn, Linndale, 453
North Royalton, Broadview Heights, Seven Hills, and Brooklyn 454
Heights in Cuyahoga county. 455

Beginning January 1, 2017, the Perry county municipal 456
court has jurisdiction within Perry county. 457

The Perrysburg municipal court has jurisdiction within the 458
municipal corporations of Luckey, Millbury, Northwood, Rossford, 459
and Walbridge, and within Perrysburg, Lake, and Troy townships, 460
in Wood county. 461

The Portage county municipal court has jurisdiction within 462
Portage county. 463

The Portsmouth municipal court has jurisdiction within 464
Scioto county. 465

The Putnam county municipal court has jurisdiction within Putnam county.	466 467
The Rocky River municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Bay Village, Westlake, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted, and within Riveredge township, in Cuyahoga county.	468 469 470 471
The Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of Castalia and Bay View, and within Perkins township, in Erie county.	472 473 474
Beginning January 1, 2013, the Sandusky county municipal court has jurisdiction within all of Sandusky county except within the municipal corporations of Bellevue and Fremont and Ballville, Sandusky, and York townships.	475 476 477 478
The Shaker Heights municipal court has jurisdiction within the municipal corporations of University Heights, Beachwood, Pepper Pike, and Hunting Valley in Cuyahoga county.	479 480 481
The Shelby municipal court has jurisdiction within Sharon, Jackson, Cass, Plymouth, and Blooming Grove townships, and within all of Butler township except sections 35-36-31 and 32, in Richland county.	482 483 484 485
The Sidney municipal court has jurisdiction within Shelby county.	486 487
Beginning January 1, 2009, the Stow municipal court has jurisdiction within Boston, Hudson, Northfield Center, Sagamore Hills, and Twinsburg townships, and within the municipal corporations of Boston Heights, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Munroe Falls, Northfield, Peninsula, Reminderville, Silver Lake, Stow, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, and Macedonia, in Summit county.	488 489 490 491 492 493

The Struthers municipal court has jurisdiction within the 494
municipal corporations of Lowellville, New Middleton, and 495
Poland, and within Poland and Springfield townships in Mahoning 496
county. 497

The Sylvania municipal court has jurisdiction within the 498
municipal corporations of Berkey and Holland, and within 499
Sylvania, Richfield, Spencer, and Harding townships, and within 500
those portions of Swanton, Monclova, and Springfield townships 501
lying north of the northerly boundary line of the Ohio turnpike, 502
in Lucas county. 503

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal 504
court has jurisdiction within Adams, Big Spring, Bloom, Clinton, 505
Eden, Hopewell, Jackson, Liberty, Loudon, Pleasant, Reed, 506
Scipio, Seneca, Thompson, and Venice townships in Seneca county, 507
within Washington township in Hancock county, and within Perry 508
township, except within the municipal corporation of West 509
Millgrove, in Wood county. 510

The Toledo municipal court has jurisdiction within 511
Washington township, and within the municipal corporation of 512
Ottawa Hills, in Lucas county. 513

The Upper Sandusky municipal court has jurisdiction within 514
Wyandot county. 515

The Vandalia municipal court has jurisdiction within the 516
municipal corporations of Clayton, Englewood, and Union, and 517
within Butler, Harrison, and Randolph townships, in Montgomery 518
county. 519

The Van Wert municipal court has jurisdiction within Van 520
Wert county. 521

The Vermilion municipal court has jurisdiction within the 522

townships of Vermilion and Florence in Erie county and within 523
all of Brownhelm township except within the municipal 524
corporation of Lorain, in Lorain county. 525

The Wadsworth municipal court has jurisdiction within the 526
municipal corporations of Gloria Glens Park, Lodi, Seville, and 527
Westfield Center, and within Guilford, Harrisville, Homer, 528
Sharon, Wadsworth, and Westfield townships in Medina county. 529

The Warren municipal court has jurisdiction within Warren 530
and Champion townships, and within all of Howland township 531
except within the municipal corporation of Niles, in Trumbull 532
county. 533

The Washington Court House municipal court has 534
jurisdiction within Fayette county. 535

The Wayne county municipal court has jurisdiction within 536
Wayne county. 537

The Willoughby municipal court has jurisdiction within the 538
municipal corporations of Eastlake, Wickliffe, Willowick, 539
Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, 540
Timberlake, and Lakeline, and within Kirtland township, in Lake 541
county. 542

Through June 30, 1992, the Wilmington municipal court has 543
jurisdiction within Clinton county. 544

The Xenia municipal court has jurisdiction within 545
Caesarcreek, Cedarville, Jefferson, Miami, New Jasper, Ross, 546
Silvercreek, Spring Valley, Sugarcreek, and Xenia townships in 547
Greene county. 548

(C) As used in this section: 549

(1) "Within a township" includes all land, including, but 550

not limited to, any part of any municipal corporation, that is 551
physically located within the territorial boundaries of that 552
township, whether or not that land or municipal corporation is 553
governmentally a part of the township. 554

(2) "Within a municipal corporation" includes all land 555
within the territorial boundaries of the municipal corporation 556
and any townships that are coextensive with the municipal 557
corporation. 558

Sec. 1901.03. As used in this chapter: 559

(A) "Territory" means the geographical areas within which 560
municipal courts have jurisdiction as provided in sections 561
1901.01 and 1901.02 of the Revised Code. 562

(B) "Legislative authority" means the legislative 563
authority of the municipal corporation in which a municipal 564
court, other than a county-operated municipal court, is located, 565
and means the respective board of county commissioners of the 566
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 567

(C) "Chief executive" means the chief executive of the 568
municipal corporation in which a municipal court, other than a 569
county-operated municipal court, is located, and means the 570
respective chairman of the board of county commissioners of the 571
county in which a county-operated municipal court is located. 572

(D) "City treasury" means the treasury of the municipal 573
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 574
operated municipal court, is located. 575

(E) "City treasurer" means the treasurer of the municipal 576
corporation in which a municipal court, other than a county- 577
operated municipal court, is located. 578

(F) "County-operated municipal court" means the Auglaize 579
county, Brown county, Carroll county, Clermont county, 580
Columbiana county, Crawford county, Darke county, Erie county, 581
Hamilton county, Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, 582
Lawrence county, Madison county, Miami county, Montgomery 583
county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, Portage county, Putnam 584
county, Sandusky county municipal court, or Wayne county 585
municipal court and, effective January 1, ~~2013~~ 2017, also 586
includes the ~~Sandusky~~ Perry county municipal court. 587

(G) "A municipal corporation in which a municipal court is 588
located" includes each municipal corporation named in section 589
1901.01 of the Revised Code, but does not include one in which a 590
judge sits pursuant to any provision of section 1901.021 of the 591
Revised Code except division (M) of that section. 592

Sec. 1901.07. (A) All municipal court judges shall be 593
elected on the nonpartisan ballot for terms of six years. In a 594
municipal court in which only one judge is to be elected in any 595
one year, that judge's term commences on the first day of 596
January after the election. In a municipal court in which two or 597
more judges are to be elected in any one year, their terms 598
commence on successive days beginning the first day of January, 599
following the election, unless otherwise provided by section 600
1901.08 of the Revised Code. 601

(B) All candidates for municipal court judge may be 602
nominated either by nominating petition or by primary election, 603
except that if the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends 604
only to the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 605
which the court is located and that municipal corporation 606
operates under a charter, all candidates shall be nominated in 607
the same manner provided in the charter for the office of 608

municipal court judge or, if no specific provisions are made in 609
the charter for the office of municipal court judge, in the same 610
manner as the charter prescribes for the nomination and election 611
of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation. 612

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 613
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 614
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 615
beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 616
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, all 617
candidates for party nomination to the office of municipal court 618
judge shall file a declaration of candidacy and petition not 619
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 620
primary election in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 of 621
the Revised Code. The petition shall conform to the requirements 622
provided for those petitions of candidacy contained in section 623
3513.05 of the Revised Code, except that the petition shall be 624
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 625
If no valid declaration of candidacy is filed for nomination as 626
a candidate of a political party for election to the office of 627
municipal court judge, or if the number of persons filing the 628
declarations of candidacy for nominations as candidates of one 629
political party for election to the office does not exceed the 630
number of candidates that that party is entitled to nominate as 631
its candidates for election to the office, no primary election 632
shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates of that 633
party for election to the office, and the candidates shall be 634
issued certificates of nomination in the manner set forth in 635
section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 636

If the jurisdiction of a municipal court extends beyond 637
the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in which it is 638
located or if the jurisdiction of the court does not extend 639

beyond the corporate limits of the municipal corporation in 640
which it is located and no charter provisions apply, nonpartisan 641
candidates for the office of municipal court judge shall file 642
nominating petitions not later than four p.m. of the day before 643
the day of the primary election in the form prescribed by 644
section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. The petition shall conform 645
to the requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy 646
contained in section 3513.257 of the Revised Code, except that 647
the petition shall be signed by at least fifty electors of the 648
territory of the court. 649

The nominating petition or declaration of candidacy for a 650
municipal court judge shall contain a designation of the term 651
for which the candidate seeks election. At the following regular 652
municipal election, the candidacies of the judges nominated 653
shall be submitted to the electors of the territory on a 654
nonpartisan, judicial ballot in the same manner as provided for 655
judges of the court of common pleas, except that, in a municipal 656
corporation operating under a charter, all candidates for 657
municipal court judge shall be elected in conformity with the 658
charter if provisions are made in the charter for the election 659
of municipal court judges. 660

(C) Notwithstanding divisions (A) and (B) of this section, 661
in the following municipal courts, the judges shall be nominated 662
and elected as follows: 663

(1) In the Cleveland municipal court, the judges shall be 664
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 665
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 666
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 667
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of 668
Cleveland for filing petitions of candidates for municipal 669

offices. Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for 670
as many candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges 671
shall be elected by the electors of the territory of the court 672
in the manner provided by law for the election of judges of the 673
court of common pleas. 674

(2) In the Toledo municipal court, the judges shall be 675
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 676
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 677
in the statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and 678
within the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Toledo 679
for filing nominating petitions for city council. Each elector 680
shall have the right to sign petitions for as many candidates as 681
are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall be elected by 682
the electors of the territory of the court in the manner 683
provided by law for the election of judges of the court of 684
common pleas. 685

(3) In the Akron municipal court, the judges shall be 686
nominated only by petition. The petition shall be signed by at 687
least fifty electors of the territory of the court. It shall be 688
in statutory form and shall be filed in the manner and within 689
the time prescribed by the charter of the city of Akron for 690
filing nominating petitions of candidates for municipal offices. 691
Each elector shall have the right to sign petitions for as many 692
candidates as are to be elected, but no more. The judges shall 693
be elected by the electors of the territory of the court in the 694
manner provided by law for the election of judges of the court 695
of common pleas. 696

(4) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the judges 697
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 698
signed by at least one hundred electors of the judicial district 699

of the county from which the candidate seeks election, which 700
petitions shall be signed and filed not later than four p.m. of 701
the day before the day of the primary election in the form 702
prescribed by section 3513.261 of the Revised Code. Unless 703
otherwise provided in this section, the petition shall conform 704
to the requirements provided for nominating petitions in section 705
3513.257 of the Revised Code. The judges shall be elected by the 706
electors of the relative judicial district of the county at the 707
regular municipal election and in the manner provided by law for 708
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 709

(5) In the Franklin county municipal court, the judges 710
shall be nominated only by petition. The petition shall be 711
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court. 712
The petition shall be in the statutory form and shall be filed 713
in the manner and within the time prescribed by the charter of 714
the city of Columbus for filing petitions of candidates for 715
municipal offices. The judges shall be elected by the electors 716
of the territory of the court in the manner provided by law for 717
the election of judges of the court of common pleas. 718

(6) In the Auglaize, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Crawford, 719
Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Miami, Morrow, Perry, 720
Putnam, Sandusky, and Wayne county municipal courts, the judges 721
shall be nominated only by petition. The petitions shall be 722
signed by at least fifty electors of the territory of the court 723
and shall conform to the provisions of this section. 724

(D) In the Portage county municipal court, the judges 725
shall be nominated either by nominating petition or by primary 726
election, as provided in division (B) of this section. 727

(E) As used in this section, as to an election for either 728
a full or an unexpired term, "the territory within the 729

jurisdiction of the court" means that territory as it will be on 730
the first day of January after the election. 731

Sec. 1901.08. The number of, and the time for election of, 732
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 733
their terms shall be as follows: 734

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 735
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 736
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 737
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 738

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 739
be elected in 1953. 740

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 741
be elected in 1951. 742

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 743
shall be elected in 1953. 744

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge 745
shall be elected in 1967. 746

In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time 747
judge shall be elected in 1975. 748

In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge 749
shall be elected in 2017. On and after ~~the effective date of~~ 750
~~this amendment~~ September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the 751
Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as 752
a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's 753
term on December 31, 2017. 754

In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge 755
shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be 756
elected in 1971. 757

In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall 758
be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 759
1979. 760

In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge 761
shall be elected in 1993. 762

In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall 763
be elected in 1951. 764

In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 765
elected in 2005. 766

In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge 767
shall be elected in 1983. 768

In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge 769
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part- 770
time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior 771
to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall 772
serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court 773
until December 31, 2005. 774

In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 775
elected in 1965. 776

In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge 777
shall be elected in 1951. 778

In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall 779
be elected in 1963. 780

In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 781
be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 782
1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977. 783

In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge 784

shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge 785
elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county 786
county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the 787
full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until 788
December 31, 2009. 789

In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 790
be elected in 1957. 791

In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time 792
judge shall be elected in 2001. 793

In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 794
be elected in 1963. 795

In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge 796
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 797
elected in 1977. 798

In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge 799
shall be elected in 1953. 800

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 801
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 802
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 803
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 804
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 805
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 806

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 807
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 808
be elected in 1999. 809

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 810
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 811
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 812

1955.	813
In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time	814
judge shall be elected in 1957.	815
In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge	816
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington	817
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge	818
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until	819
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997.	820
In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time	821
judges shall be elected in 2001.	822
In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall	823
be elected in 1953.	824
In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge	825
shall be elected in 1951.	826
In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time	827
judge shall be elected in 1977.	828
In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge	829
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be	830
elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls	831
municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the	832
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this	833
section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004,	834
and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time	835
judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and	836
December 31, 2013, respectively.	837
In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge	838
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-	839
time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior	840

to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as 841
the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until 842
December 31, 2005. 843

In the Dayton municipal court, three full-time judges 844
shall be elected in 1987, their terms to commence on successive 845
days beginning on the first day of January next after their 846
election, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1955, 847
their terms to commence on successive days beginning on the 848
second day of January next after their election. 849

In the Defiance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 850
be elected in 1957. 851

In the Delaware municipal court, one full-time judge shall 852
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 853
2007. 854

In the East Cleveland municipal court, one full-time judge 855
shall be elected in 1957. 856

In the East Liverpool municipal court, one full-time judge 857
shall be elected in 1953. 858

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 859
elected in 1973. 860

In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall 861
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 862
1973. 863

In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge 864
shall be elected in 2007. 865

In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall 866
be elected in 1951. 867

In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall	868
be elected in 1977.	869
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time	870
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be	871
elected in 2005.	872
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge	873
shall be elected in 1989.	874
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall	875
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	876
1993.	877
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall	878
be elected in 1951.	879
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time	880
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be	881
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in	882
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-	883
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge	884
shall be elected in 1997.	885
In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall	886
be elected in 1975.	887
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge	888
shall be elected in 1981.	889
In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time	890
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	891
elected in 1981.	892
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall	893
be elected in 1963.	894

In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 895
be elected in 1953. 896

In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time 897
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be 898
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981, 899
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of 900
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on 901
the first day of January next after their election, except that 902
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall 903
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the 904
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall 905
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984. 906

In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge 907
shall be elected in 1989. 908

In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge 909
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the 910
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected 911
in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 912
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 913

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 914
shall be elected in 1977. 915

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 916
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 917
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 918
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 919
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 920
court until December 31, 2007. 921

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 922
elected in 1967. 923

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	924
be elected in 1951.	925
In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge	926
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part-	927
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected	928
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the	929
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001.	930
In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge	931
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be	932
elected in 1975.	933
In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall	934
be elected in 1955.	935
In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge	936
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	937
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges	938
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and	939
1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal	940
court until the end of those judges' terms.	941
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time	942
judge shall be elected in 1981.	943
In the Lebanon municipal court, one part-time judge shall	944
be elected in 1955.	945
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge	946
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	947
elected in 1971.	948
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	949
elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	950
1967.	951

In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall 952
be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 953
1973. 954

In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge 955
shall be elected in 1957. 956

In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge 957
shall be elected in 1981. 958

In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge 959
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 960
elected in 1969. 961

In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall 962
be elected in 1957. 963

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall 964
be elected in 1951. 965

In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge 966
shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the 967
part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was 968
elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court 969
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 970

In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 971
elected in 1965. 972

In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge 973
shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be 974
elected in 1971. 975

In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall 976
be elected in 1963. 977

In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall 978

be elected in 1957. 979

In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall 980
be elected in 1971. 981

In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge 982
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 983
elected in 1979. 984

In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge 985
shall be elected in 1951. 986

In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge 987
shall be elected in 1953. 988

In the Montgomery county municipal court: 989

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time 990
judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 991
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 992
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 993
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 994
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 995
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 996
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 997
county county court that existed before that date whose term 998
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 999
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 1000
2011. 1001

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 1002
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 1003
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 1004
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1005
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1006
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1007

Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 1008

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 1009
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 1010
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 1011
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 1012
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 1013
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 1014

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 1015
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 1016
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 1017
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 1018
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 1019
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 1020
full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 1021
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 1022
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 1023
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 1024
December 31, 2013. 1025

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 1026
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 1027
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 1028
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 1029
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 1030
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 1031

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 1032
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 1033
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 1034
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 1035
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 1036

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1037 1038
In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	1039 1040
In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1041 1042
In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1043 1044
In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1045 1046
In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	1047 1048
In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	1049 1050
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1989.	1051 1052
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	1053 1054
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1994, until the end of that judge's term.	1055 1056 1057 1058 1059
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	1060 1061
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	1062 1063

and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971. 1064

In the Perry county municipal court, one full-time judge 1065
shall be elected in 2017. Beginning January 1, 2017, the part- 1066
time judge of the Perry county county court that existed prior 1067
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2013, shall 1068
serve as full-time judge of the Perry county municipal court 1069
until December 31, 2017. 1070

In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge 1071
shall be elected in 1977. 1072

In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time 1073
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall 1074
be elected in 1971. 1075

In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge 1076
shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 1077
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 1078
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 1079
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 1080

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 1081
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1082
elected in 1985. 1083

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 1084
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 1085
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 1086
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 1087
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 1088
court until December 31, 2011. 1089

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 1090
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 1091
elected in 1971. 1092

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1093
be elected in 1953. 1094

In the Sandusky county municipal court, one full-time 1095
judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning on January 1, 2013, 1096
the two part-time judges of the Sandusky county county court 1097
that existed prior to that date shall serve as part-time judges 1098
of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 31, 2013. 1099
If either judgeship becomes vacant before January 1, 2014, that 1100
judgeship is abolished on the date it becomes vacant, and the 1101
person who holds the other judgeship shall serve as the full- 1102
time judge of the Sandusky county municipal court until December 1103
31, 2013. 1104

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 1105
shall be elected in 1957. 1106

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 1107
be elected in 1957. 1108

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1109
be elected in 1995. 1110

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 1111
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 1112
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 1113
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 1114
January 1, 2000. 1115

In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges 1116
shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be 1117
elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the 1118
Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as 1119
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1120
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 1121

In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge 1122
shall be elected in 1953. 1123

In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1124
elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1125
2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls 1126
municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term 1127
commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge 1128
of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning 1129
January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court 1130
that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1131
1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal 1132
court until December 31, 2009. 1133

In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge 1134
shall be elected in 1963. 1135

In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1136
be elected in 1963. 1137

In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time 1138
judge shall be elected in 2013. 1139

In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall 1140
be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1141
1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973. 1142

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 1143
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 1144
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 1145
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 1146
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 1147
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 1148

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1149
be elected in 1959. 1150

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1151
be elected in 1957. 1152

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 1153
shall be elected in 1965. 1154

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 1155
shall be elected in 1981. 1156

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 1157
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1158
1971. 1159

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 1160
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 1161
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 1162
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 1163
abolished on January 1, 2000. 1164

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 1165
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 1166
elected in 1979. 1167

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 1168
shall be elected in 1951. 1169

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 1170
shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 1171
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 1172
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 1173
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 1174

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 1175
elected in 1977. 1176

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 1177
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 1178

elected in 2013. 1179

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 1180
shall be elected in 1953. 1181

Sec. 1901.31. The clerk and deputy clerks of a municipal 1182
court shall be selected, be compensated, give bond, and have 1183
powers and duties as follows: 1184

(A) There shall be a clerk of the court who is appointed 1185
or elected as follows: 1186

(1) (a) Except in the Akron, Barberton, Toledo, Hamilton 1187
county, Miami county, Montgomery county, Portage county, and 1188
Wayne county municipal courts and through December 31, 2008, the 1189
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, if the population of the 1190
territory equals or exceeds one hundred thousand at the regular 1191
municipal election immediately preceding the expiration of the 1192
term of the present clerk, the clerk shall be nominated and 1193
elected by the qualified electors of the territory in the manner 1194
that is provided for the nomination and election of judges in 1195
section 1901.07 of the Revised Code. 1196

The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of six 1197
years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1198
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1199
successor is elected and qualified. 1200

(b) In the Hamilton county municipal court, the clerk of 1201
courts of Hamilton county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1202
court and may appoint an assistant clerk who shall receive the 1203
compensation, payable out of the treasury of Hamilton county in 1204
semimonthly installments, that the board of county commissioners 1205
prescribes. The clerk of courts of Hamilton county, acting as 1206
the clerk of the Hamilton county municipal court and assuming 1207

the duties of that office, shall receive compensation at one- 1208
fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of 1209
common pleas as determined in accordance with the population of 1210
the county and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 1211
of the Revised Code. This compensation shall be paid from the 1212
county treasury in semimonthly installments and is in addition 1213
to the annual compensation that is received for the performance 1214
of the duties of the clerk of courts of Hamilton county, as 1215
provided in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1216

(c) In the Portage county and Wayne county municipal 1217
courts, the clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne county 1218
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Portage county and 1219
Wayne county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy 1220
clerk for each branch that is established pursuant to section 1221
1901.311 of the Revised Code and assistant clerks as the judges 1222
of the municipal court determine are necessary, all of whom 1223
shall receive the compensation that the legislative authority 1224
prescribes. The clerks of courts of Portage county and Wayne 1225
county, acting as the clerks of the Portage county and Wayne 1226
county municipal courts and assuming the duties of these 1227
offices, shall receive compensation payable from the county 1228
treasury in semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that 1229
is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1230
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1231
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1232
Code. 1233

(d) In the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal 1234
courts, the clerks of courts of Montgomery county and Miami 1235
county shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Montgomery 1236
county and Miami county municipal courts. The clerks of courts 1237
of Montgomery county and Miami county, acting as the clerks of 1238

the Montgomery county and Miami county municipal courts and 1239
assuming the duties of these offices, shall receive compensation 1240
at one-fourth the rate that is prescribed for the clerks of 1241
courts of common pleas as determined in accordance with the 1242
population of the county and the rates set forth in sections 1243
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. This compensation shall 1244
be paid from the county treasury in semimonthly installments and 1245
is in addition to the annual compensation that is received for 1246
the performance of the duties of the clerks of courts of 1247
Montgomery county and Miami county, as provided in sections 1248
325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised Code. 1249

(e) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (e) of 1250
this section, in the Akron municipal court, candidates for 1251
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1252
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1253
day specified in the charter of the city of Akron for the 1254
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1255
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1256
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1257
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1258
candidates for the office of clerk of the Akron municipal court 1259
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1260
territory of the court. 1261

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1262
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1263
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1264
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1265
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1266
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1267
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1268
Revised Code. 1269

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1270
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1271
political party for election to the office of clerk of the Akron 1272
municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for the 1273
purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election to 1274
that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1275
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1276
particular political party for election to that office, a 1277
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1278
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1279
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1280
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1281

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1282
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1283
clerk of the Akron municipal court shall contain a designation 1284
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1285
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1286
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1287
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1288
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1289
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1290
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1291
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1292
successor is elected and qualified. 1293

(f) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (f) of 1294
this section, in the Barberton municipal court, candidates for 1295
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1296
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1297
day specified in the charter of the city of Barberton for the 1298
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1299
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1300

the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1301
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1302
candidates for the office of clerk of the Barberton municipal 1303
court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of 1304
the territory of the court. 1305

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1306
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1307
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1308
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1309
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1310
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1311
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1312
Revised Code. 1313

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1314
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1315
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1316
Barberton municipal court, a primary election shall not be held 1317
for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1318
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1319
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1320
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1321
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1322
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1323
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1324
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1325
Revised Code. 1326

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1327
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1328
clerk of the Barberton municipal court shall contain a 1329
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1330

At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's
successor is elected and qualified.

(g) (i) Through December 31, 2008, except as otherwise
provided in division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section, in the
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, candidates for election to the
office of clerk of the court shall be nominated by primary
election. The primary election shall be held on the day
specified in the charter of the city of Cuyahoga Falls for the
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code,
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent
candidates for the office of clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls
municipal court shall be signed by at least fifty qualified
electors of the territory of the court.

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the
Revised Code.

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed

by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1361
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1362
Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, a primary election shall not be 1363
held for the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for 1364
election to that office. If only one person files a valid 1365
declaration of candidacy and petition for nomination as a 1366
candidate of a particular political party for election to that 1367
office, a primary election shall not be held for the purpose of 1368
nominating a candidate of that party for election to that 1369
office, and the candidate shall be issued a certificate of 1370
nomination in the manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the 1371
Revised Code. 1372

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1373
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1374
clerk of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall contain a 1375
designation of the term for which the candidate seeks election. 1376
At the following regular municipal election, all candidates for 1377
the office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1378
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1379
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1380
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1381
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1382
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1383
successor is elected and qualified. 1384

(ii) Division (A) (1) (g) (i) of this section shall have no 1385
effect after December 31, 2008. 1386

(h) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) (1) (h) of 1387
this section, in the Toledo municipal court, candidates for 1388
election to the office of clerk of the court shall be nominated 1389
by primary election. The primary election shall be held on the 1390

day specified in the charter of the city of Toledo for the 1391
nomination of municipal officers. Notwithstanding any contrary 1392
provision of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the Revised Code, 1393
the declarations of candidacy and petitions of partisan 1394
candidates and the nominating petitions of independent 1395
candidates for the office of clerk of the Toledo municipal court 1396
shall be signed by at least fifty qualified electors of the 1397
territory of the court. 1398

The candidates shall file a declaration of candidacy and 1399
petition, or a nominating petition, whichever is applicable, not 1400
later than four p.m. of the ninetieth day before the day of the 1401
primary election, in the form prescribed by section 3513.07 or 1402
3513.261 of the Revised Code. The declaration of candidacy and 1403
petition, or the nominating petition, shall conform to the 1404
applicable requirements of section 3513.05 or 3513.257 of the 1405
Revised Code. 1406

If no valid declaration of candidacy and petition is filed 1407
by any person for nomination as a candidate of a particular 1408
political party for election to the office of clerk of the 1409
Toledo municipal court, a primary election shall not be held for 1410
the purpose of nominating a candidate of that party for election 1411
to that office. If only one person files a valid declaration of 1412
candidacy and petition for nomination as a candidate of a 1413
particular political party for election to that office, a 1414
primary election shall not be held for the purpose of nominating 1415
a candidate of that party for election to that office, and the 1416
candidate shall be issued a certificate of nomination in the 1417
manner set forth in section 3513.02 of the Revised Code. 1418

Declarations of candidacy and petitions, nominating 1419
petitions, and certificates of nomination for the office of 1420

clerk of the Toledo municipal court shall contain a designation 1421
of the term for which the candidate seeks election. At the 1422
following regular municipal election, all candidates for the 1423
office shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the 1424
territory of the court in the manner that is provided in section 1425
1901.07 of the Revised Code for the election of the judges of 1426
the court. The clerk so elected shall hold office for a term of 1427
six years, which term shall commence on the first day of January 1428
following the clerk's election and continue until the clerk's 1429
successor is elected and qualified. 1430

(2) (a) Except for the Alliance, Auglaize county, Brown 1431
county, Columbiana county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam 1432
county, Sandusky county, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1433
municipal courts, in a municipal court for which the population 1434
of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, the clerk 1435
shall be appointed by the court, and the clerk shall hold office 1436
until the clerk's successor is appointed and qualified. 1437

(b) In the Alliance, Lorain, Massillon, and Youngstown 1438
municipal courts, the clerk shall be elected for a term of 1439
office as described in division (A) (1) (a) of this section. 1440

(c) In the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes county, 1441
Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county municipal 1442
courts, the clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, 1443
Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1444
shall be the clerks, respectively, of the Auglaize county, Brown 1445
county, Holmes county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky 1446
county municipal courts and may appoint a chief deputy clerk for 1447
each branch office that is established pursuant to section 1448
1901.311 of the Revised Code, and assistant clerks as the judge 1449
of the court determines are necessary, all of whom shall receive 1450

the compensation that the legislative authority prescribes. The 1451
clerks of courts of Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1452
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county, acting 1453
as the clerks of the Auglaize county, Brown county, Holmes 1454
county, Perry county, Putnam county, and Sandusky county 1455
municipal courts and assuming the duties of these offices, shall 1456
receive compensation payable from the county treasury in 1457
semimonthly installments at one-fourth the rate that is 1458
prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas as 1459
determined in accordance with the population of the county and 1460
the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the Revised 1461
Code. 1462

(d) In the Columbiana county municipal court, the clerk of 1463
courts of Columbiana county shall be the clerk of the municipal 1464
court, may appoint a chief deputy clerk for each branch office 1465
that is established pursuant to section 1901.311 of the Revised 1466
Code, and may appoint any assistant clerks that the judges of 1467
the court determine are necessary. All of the chief deputy 1468
clerks and assistant clerks shall receive the compensation that 1469
the legislative authority prescribes. The clerk of courts of 1470
Columbiana county, acting as the clerk of the Columbiana county 1471
municipal court and assuming the duties of that office, shall 1472
receive in either biweekly installments or semimonthly 1473
installments, as determined by the payroll administrator, 1474
compensation payable from the county treasury at one-fourth the 1475
rate that is prescribed for the clerks of courts of common pleas 1476
as determined in accordance with the population of the county 1477
and the rates set forth in sections 325.08 and 325.18 of the 1478
Revised Code. 1479

(3) During the temporary absence of the clerk due to 1480
illness, vacation, or other proper cause, the court may appoint 1481

a temporary clerk, who shall be paid the same compensation, have 1482
the same authority, and perform the same duties as the clerk. 1483

(B) Except in the Hamilton county, Montgomery county, 1484
Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne county municipal courts, 1485
if a vacancy occurs in the office of the clerk of the Alliance, 1486
Lorain, Massillon, or Youngstown municipal court or occurs in 1487
the office of the clerk of a municipal court for which the 1488
population of the territory equals or exceeds one hundred 1489
thousand because the clerk ceases to hold the office before the 1490
end of the clerk's term or because a clerk-elect fails to take 1491
office, the vacancy shall be filled, until a successor is 1492
elected and qualified, by a person chosen by the residents of 1493
the territory of the court who are members of the county central 1494
committee of the political party by which the last occupant of 1495
that office or the clerk-elect was nominated. Not less than five 1496
nor more than fifteen days after a vacancy occurs, those members 1497
of that county central committee shall meet to make an 1498
appointment to fill the vacancy. At least four days before the 1499
date of the meeting, the chairperson or a secretary of the 1500
county central committee shall notify each such member of that 1501
county central committee by first class mail of the date, time, 1502
and place of the meeting and its purpose. A majority of all such 1503
members of that county central committee constitutes a quorum, 1504
and a majority of the quorum is required to make the 1505
appointment. If the office so vacated was occupied or was to be 1506
occupied by a person not nominated at a primary election, or if 1507
the appointment was not made by the committee members in 1508
accordance with this division, the court shall make an 1509
appointment to fill the vacancy. A successor shall be elected to 1510
fill the office for the unexpired term at the first municipal 1511
election that is held more than one hundred thirty-five days 1512

after the vacancy occurred. 1513

(C) (1) In a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1514
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Holmes 1515
county, the Perry county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky 1516
county, and the Lorain municipal courts, for which the 1517
population of the territory is less than one hundred thousand, 1518
the clerk of the municipal court shall receive the annual 1519
compensation that the presiding judge of the court prescribes, 1520
if the revenue of the court for the preceding calendar year, as 1521
certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer of the 1522
municipal corporation in which the court is located or, in the 1523
case of a county-operated municipal court, the county auditor, 1524
is equal to or greater than the expenditures, including any debt 1525
charges, for the operation of the court payable under this 1526
chapter from the city treasury or, in the case of a county- 1527
operated municipal court, the county treasury for that calendar 1528
year, as also certified by the auditor or chief fiscal officer. 1529
If the revenue of a municipal court, other than the Auglaize 1530
county, the Brown county, the Columbiana county, the Perry 1531
county, the Putnam county, the Sandusky county, and the Lorain 1532
municipal courts, for which the population of the territory is 1533
less than one hundred thousand for the preceding calendar year 1534
as so certified is not equal to or greater than those 1535
expenditures for the operation of the court for that calendar 1536
year as so certified, the clerk of a municipal court shall 1537
receive the annual compensation that the legislative authority 1538
prescribes. As used in this division, "revenue" means the total 1539
of all costs and fees that are collected and paid to the city 1540
treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1541
treasury by the clerk of the municipal court under division (F) 1542
of this section and all interest received and paid to the city 1543

treasury or, in a county-operated municipal court, the county 1544
treasury in relation to the costs and fees under division (G) of 1545
this section. 1546

(2) In a municipal court, other than the Hamilton county, 1547
Montgomery county, Miami county, Portage county, and Wayne 1548
county municipal courts, for which the population of the 1549
territory is one hundred thousand or more, and in the Lorain 1550
municipal court, the clerk of the municipal court shall receive 1551
annual compensation in a sum equal to eighty-five per cent of 1552
the salary of a judge of the court. 1553

(3) The compensation of a clerk described in division (C) 1554
(1) or (2) of this section and of the clerk of the Columbiana 1555
county municipal court is payable in either semimonthly 1556
installments or biweekly installments, as determined by the 1557
payroll administrator, from the same sources and in the same 1558
manner as provided in section 1901.11 of the Revised Code, 1559
except that the compensation of the clerk of the Carroll county 1560
municipal court is payable in biweekly installments. 1561

(D) Before entering upon the duties of the clerk's office, 1562
the clerk of a municipal court shall give bond of not less than 1563
six thousand dollars to be determined by the judges of the 1564
court, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the clerk's 1565
duties. 1566

(E) The clerk of a municipal court may do all of the 1567
following: administer oaths, take affidavits, and issue 1568
executions upon any judgment rendered in the court, including a 1569
judgment for unpaid costs; issue, sign, and attach the seal of 1570
the court to all writs, process, subpoenas, and papers issuing 1571
out of the court; and approve all bonds, sureties, 1572
recognizances, and undertakings fixed by any judge of the court 1573

or by law. The clerk may refuse to accept for filing any 1574
pleading or paper submitted for filing by a person who has been 1575
found to be a vexatious litigator under section 2323.52 of the 1576
Revised Code and who has failed to obtain leave to proceed under 1577
that section. The clerk shall do all of the following: file and 1578
safely keep all journals, records, books, and papers belonging 1579
or appertaining to the court; record the proceedings of the 1580
court; perform all other duties that the judges of the court may 1581
prescribe; and keep a book showing all receipts and 1582
disbursements, which book shall be open for public inspection at 1583
all times. 1584

The clerk shall prepare and maintain a general index, a 1585
docket, and other records that the court, by rule, requires, all 1586
of which shall be the public records of the court. In the 1587
docket, the clerk shall enter, at the time of the commencement 1588
of an action, the names of the parties in full, the names of the 1589
counsel, and the nature of the proceedings. Under proper dates, 1590
the clerk shall note the filing of the complaint, issuing of 1591
summons or other process, returns, and any subsequent pleadings. 1592
The clerk also shall enter all reports, verdicts, orders, 1593
judgments, and proceedings of the court, clearly specifying the 1594
relief granted or orders made in each action. The court may 1595
order an extended record of any of the above to be made and 1596
entered, under the proper action heading, upon the docket at the 1597
request of any party to the case, the expense of which record 1598
may be taxed as costs in the case or may be required to be 1599
prepaid by the party demanding the record, upon order of the 1600
court. 1601

(F) The clerk of a municipal court shall receive, collect, 1602
and issue receipts for all costs, fees, fines, bail, and other 1603
moneys payable to the office or to any officer of the court. The 1604

clerk shall on or before the twentieth day of the month 1605
following the month in which they are collected disburse to the 1606
proper persons or officers, and take receipts for, all costs, 1607
fees, fines, bail, and other moneys that the clerk collects. 1608
Subject to sections 307.515 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code and 1609
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1610
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1611
municipal court and except for the Hamilton county, Lawrence 1612
county, and Ottawa county municipal courts, the clerk shall pay 1613
all fines received for violation of municipal ordinances into 1614
the treasury of the municipal corporation the ordinance of which 1615
was violated and shall pay all fines received for violation of 1616
township resolutions adopted pursuant to section 503.52 or 1617
503.53 or Chapter 504. of the Revised Code into the treasury of 1618
the township the resolution of which was violated. Subject to 1619
sections 1901.024 and 4511.193 of the Revised Code, in the 1620
Hamilton county, Lawrence county, and Ottawa county municipal 1621
courts, the clerk shall pay fifty per cent of the fines received 1622
for violation of municipal ordinances and fifty per cent of the 1623
fines received for violation of township resolutions adopted 1624
pursuant to section 503.52 or 503.53 or Chapter 504. of the 1625
Revised Code into the treasury of the county. Subject to 1626
sections 307.515, 4511.19, and 5503.04 of the Revised Code and 1627
to any other section of the Revised Code that requires a 1628
specific manner of disbursement of any moneys received by a 1629
municipal court, the clerk shall pay all fines collected for the 1630
violation of state laws into the county treasury. Except in a 1631
county-operated municipal court, the clerk shall pay all costs 1632
and fees the disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for 1633
in the Revised Code into the city treasury. The clerk of a 1634
county-operated municipal court shall pay the costs and fees the 1635
disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for in the 1636

Revised Code into the county treasury. Moneys deposited as 1637
security for costs shall be retained pending the litigation. The 1638
clerk shall keep a separate account of all receipts and 1639
disbursements in civil and criminal cases, which shall be a 1640
permanent public record of the office. On the expiration of the 1641
term of the clerk, the clerk shall deliver the records to the 1642
clerk's successor. The clerk shall have other powers and duties 1643
as are prescribed by rule or order of the court. 1644

(G) All moneys paid into a municipal court shall be noted 1645
on the record of the case in which they are paid and shall be 1646
deposited in a state or national bank, or a domestic savings and 1647
loan association, as defined in section 1151.01 of the Revised 1648
Code, that is selected by the clerk. Any interest received upon 1649
the deposits shall be paid into the city treasury, except that, 1650
in a county-operated municipal court, the interest shall be paid 1651
into the treasury of the county in which the court is located. 1652

On the first Monday in January of each year, the clerk 1653
shall make a list of the titles of all cases in the court that 1654
were finally determined more than one year past in which there 1655
remains unclaimed in the possession of the clerk any funds, or 1656
any part of a deposit for security of costs not consumed by the 1657
costs in the case. The clerk shall give notice of the moneys to 1658
the parties who are entitled to the moneys or to their attorneys 1659
of record. All the moneys remaining unclaimed on the first day 1660
of April of each year shall be paid by the clerk to the city 1661
treasurer, except that, in a county-operated municipal court, 1662
the moneys shall be paid to the treasurer of the county in which 1663
the court is located. The treasurer shall pay any part of the 1664
moneys at any time to the person who has the right to the moneys 1665
upon proper certification of the clerk. 1666

(H) Deputy clerks of a municipal court other than the
Carroll county municipal court may be appointed by the clerk and
shall receive the compensation, payable in either biweekly
installments or semimonthly installments, as determined by the
payroll administrator, out of the city treasury, that the clerk
may prescribe, except that the compensation of any deputy clerk
of a county-operated municipal court shall be paid out of the
treasury of the county in which the court is located. The judge
of the Carroll county municipal court may appoint deputy clerks
for the court, and the deputy clerks shall receive the
compensation, payable in biweekly installments out of the county
treasury, that the judge may prescribe. Each deputy clerk shall
take an oath of office before entering upon the duties of the
deputy clerk's office and, when so qualified, may perform the
duties appertaining to the office of the clerk. The clerk may
require any of the deputy clerks to give bond of not less than
three thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance
of the deputy clerk's duties.

(I) For the purposes of this section, whenever the
population of the territory of a municipal court falls below one
hundred thousand but not below ninety thousand, and the
population of the territory prior to the most recent regular
federal census exceeded one hundred thousand, the legislative
authority of the municipal corporation may declare, by
resolution, that the territory shall be considered to have a
population of at least one hundred thousand.

(J) The clerk or a deputy clerk shall be in attendance at
all sessions of the municipal court, although not necessarily in
the courtroom, and may administer oaths to witnesses and jurors
and receive verdicts.

Sec. 1901.312. (A) As used in this section, "health care coverage" has the same meaning as in section 1901.111 of the Revised Code.

(B) The legislative authority, after consultation with the clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, shall negotiate and contract for, purchase, or otherwise procure group health care coverage for the clerk and deputy clerks and their spouses and dependents from insurance companies authorized to engage in the business of insurance in this state under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code or health insuring corporations holding certificates of authority under Chapter 1751. of the Revised Code, except that if the county or municipal corporation served by the legislative authority provides group health care coverage for its employees, the group health care coverage required by this section shall be provided, if possible, through the policy or plan under which the group health care coverage is provided for the county or municipal corporation employees.

(C) The portion of the costs, premiums, or charges for the group health care coverage procured pursuant to division (B) of this section that is not paid by the clerk and deputy clerks of the municipal court, or all of the costs, premiums, or charges for the group health care coverage if the clerk and deputy clerks will not be paying any such portion, shall be paid as follows:

(1) If the municipal court is a county-operated municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges or all of the costs, premiums, or charges shall be paid out of the treasury of the county.

(2) (a) If the municipal court is not a county-operated municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges

in connection with the clerk or all of the costs, premiums, or 1727
charges in connection with the clerk shall be paid in three- 1728
fifths and two-fifths shares from the city treasury and 1729
appropriate county treasuries as described in division (C) of 1730
section 1901.31 of the Revised Code. The three-fifths share of a 1731
city treasury is subject to apportionment under section 1901.026 1732
of the Revised Code. 1733

(b) If the municipal court is not a county-operated 1734
municipal court, the portion of the costs, premiums, or charges 1735
in connection with the deputy clerks or all of the costs, 1736
premiums, or charges in connection with the deputy clerks shall 1737
be paid from the city treasury and shall be subject to 1738
apportionment under section 1901.026 of the Revised Code. 1739

(D) This section does not apply to the clerk of the 1740
Auglaize county, Hamilton county, Portage county, Perry county, 1741
Putnam county, or Wayne county municipal court, if health care 1742
coverage is provided to the clerk by virtue of the clerk's 1743
employment as the clerk of the court of common pleas of Auglaize 1744
county, Hamilton county, Portage county, Perry county, Putnam 1745
county, or Wayne county. 1746

Sec. 1901.34. (A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and 1747
(D) of this section, the village solicitor, city director of 1748
law, or similar chief legal officer for each municipal 1749
corporation within the territory of a municipal court shall 1750
prosecute all cases brought before the municipal court for 1751
criminal offenses occurring within the municipal corporation for 1752
which that person is the solicitor, director of law, or similar 1753
chief legal officer. Except as provided in division (B) of this 1754
section, the village solicitor, city director of law, or similar 1755
chief legal officer of the municipal corporation in which a 1756

municipal court is located shall prosecute all criminal cases 1757
brought before the court arising in the unincorporated areas 1758
within the territory of the municipal court. 1759

(B) The Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, 1760
Hocking county, Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, 1761
Ottawa county, Perry county, Portage county, and Putnam county 1762
prosecuting attorneys shall prosecute in municipal court all 1763
violations of state law arising in their respective counties. 1764
The Carroll county, Crawford county, Hamilton county, Madison 1765
county, and Wayne county prosecuting attorneys and beginning 1766
January 1, 2008, the Erie county prosecuting attorney shall 1767
prosecute all violations of state law arising within the 1768
unincorporated areas of their respective counties. The 1769
Columbiana county prosecuting attorney shall prosecute in the 1770
Columbiana county municipal court all violations of state law 1771
arising in the county, except for violations arising in the 1772
municipal corporation of East Liverpool, Liverpool township, or 1773
St. Clair township. The Darke county prosecuting attorney shall 1774
prosecute in the Darke county municipal court all violations of 1775
state law arising in the county, except for violations of state 1776
law arising in the municipal corporation of Greenville and 1777
violations of state law arising in the village of Versailles. 1778
The Greene county board of county commissioners may provide for 1779
the prosecution of all violations of state law arising within 1780
the territorial jurisdiction of any municipal court located in 1781
Greene county. The Montgomery county prosecuting attorney shall 1782
prosecute in the Montgomery county municipal court all felony, 1783
misdemeanor, and traffic violations arising in the 1784
unincorporated townships of Jefferson, Jackson, Perry, and Clay 1785
and all felony violations of state law and all violations 1786
involving a state or county agency arising within the 1787

jurisdiction of the court. All other violations arising in the 1788
territory of the Montgomery county municipal court shall be 1789
prosecuted by the village solicitor, city director of law, or 1790
similar chief legal officer for each municipal corporation 1791
within the territory of the Montgomery county municipal court. 1792

The prosecuting attorney of any county given the duty of 1793
prosecuting in municipal court violations of state law shall 1794
receive no additional compensation for assuming these additional 1795
duties, except that the prosecuting attorney of Hamilton, 1796
Portage, and Wayne counties shall receive compensation at the 1797
rate of four thousand eight hundred dollars per year, and the 1798
prosecuting attorney of Auglaize county shall receive 1799
compensation at the rate of one thousand eight hundred dollars 1800
per year, each payable from the county treasury of the 1801
respective counties in semimonthly installments. 1802

(C) The village solicitor, city director of law, or 1803
similar chief legal officer shall perform the same duties, 1804
insofar as they are applicable to the village solicitor, city 1805
director of law, or similar chief legal officer, as are required 1806
of the prosecuting attorney of the county. The village 1807
solicitor, city director of law, similar chief legal officer or 1808
any assistants who may be appointed shall receive for such 1809
services additional compensation to be paid from the treasury of 1810
the county as the board of county commissioners prescribes. 1811

(D) The prosecuting attorney of any county, other than 1812
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1813
Ottawa, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county, may enter into an 1814
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1815
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the 1816
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all criminal cases brought 1817

before the municipal court that has territorial jurisdiction 1818
over that municipal corporation for criminal offenses occurring 1819
within the municipal corporation. The prosecuting attorney of 1820
Auglaize, Brown, Clermont, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morrow, 1821
Ottawa, Perry, Portage, or Putnam county may enter into an 1822
agreement with any municipal corporation in the county in which 1823
the prosecuting attorney serves pursuant to which the respective 1824
prosecuting attorney prosecutes all cases brought before the 1825
Auglaize county, Brown county, Clermont county, Hocking county, 1826
Holmes county, Jackson county, Morrow county, Ottawa county, 1827
Perry county, Portage county, or Putnam county municipal court 1828
for violations of the ordinances of the municipal corporation or 1829
for criminal offenses other than violations of state law 1830
occurring within the municipal corporation. For prosecuting 1831
these cases, the prosecuting attorney and the municipal 1832
corporation may agree upon a fee to be paid by the municipal 1833
corporation, which fee shall be paid into the county treasury, 1834
to be used to cover expenses of the office of the prosecuting 1835
attorney. 1836

Sec. 1907.11. (A) Each county court district shall have 1837
the following county court judges, to be elected as follows: 1838

In the Adams county county court, one part-time judge 1839
shall be elected in 1982. 1840

In the Ashtabula county county court, one part-time judge 1841
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1842
elected in 1982. 1843

In the Belmont county county court, one part-time judge 1844
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1845
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1846
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1847

In the Butler county county court, one part-time judge 1848
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1849
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1850
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1851

Until December 31, 2007, in the Erie county county court, 1852
one part-time judge shall be elected in 1982. Effective January 1853
1, 2008, the Erie county county court shall cease to exist. 1854

In the Fulton county county court, one part-time judge 1855
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1856
elected in 1982. 1857

In the Harrison county county court, one part-time judge 1858
shall be elected in 1982. 1859

In the Highland county county court, one part-time judge 1860
shall be elected in 1982. 1861

In the Jefferson county county court, one part-time judge 1862
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1863
and two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1864
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1865

In the Mahoning county county court, one part-time judge 1866
shall be elected in 1992, term to commence on January 1, 1993, 1867
and three part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1868
commence on January 1, 1995, January 2, 1995, and January 3, 1869
1995, respectively. 1870

In the Meigs county county court, one part-time judge 1871
shall be elected in 1982. 1872

In the Monroe county county court, one part-time judge 1873
shall be elected in 1982. 1874

In the Morgan county county court, one part-time judge 1875

shall be elected in 1982. 1876

In the Muskingum county county court, one part-time judge 1877
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1878
elected in 1982. 1879

In the Noble county county court, one part-time judge 1880
shall be elected in 1982. 1881

In the Paulding county county court, one part-time judge 1882
shall be elected in 1982. 1883

~~In the Perry county county court, one part-time judge 1884
shall be elected in 1982. 1885~~

In the Pike county county court, one part-time judge shall 1886
be elected in 1982. 1887

Until December 31, 2006, in the Sandusky county county 1888
court, two part-time judges shall be elected in 1994, terms to 1889
commence on January 1, 1995, and January 2, 1995, respectively. 1890
The judges elected in 2006 shall serve until December 31, 2012. 1891
The Sandusky county county court shall cease to exist on January 1892
1, 2013. 1893

In the Trumbull county county court, one part-time judge 1894
shall be elected in 1992, and one part-time judge shall be 1895
elected in 1994. 1896

In the Tuscarawas county county court, one part-time judge 1897
shall be elected in 1982. 1898

In the Vinton county county court, one part-time judge 1899
shall be elected in 1982. 1900

In the Warren county county court, one part-time judge 1901
shall be elected in 1980, and one part-time judge shall be 1902

elected in 1982. 1903

(B) (1) Additional judges shall be elected at the next 1904
regular election for a county court judge as provided in section 1905
1907.13 of the Revised Code. 1906

(2) Vacancies caused by the death or the resignation from, 1907
forfeiture of, or removal from office of a judge shall be filled 1908
in accordance with section 107.08 of the Revised Code, except as 1909
provided in section 1907.15 of the Revised Code. 1910

Section 2. That existing sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1911
1901.03, 1901.07, 1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1912
1907.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1913

Section 3. (A) Effective January 1, 2017, the Perry County 1914
County Court is abolished. 1915

(B) All causes, judgments, executions, and other 1916
proceedings pending in the Perry County County Court at the 1917
close of business on December 31, 2016, shall be transferred to 1918
and proceed in the Perry County Municipal Court on January 1, 1919
2017, as if originally instituted in the Perry County Municipal 1920
Court. Parties to those causes, judgments, executions, and 1921
proceedings may make any amendments to their pleadings that are 1922
required to conform them to the rules of the Perry County 1923
Municipal Court. The Clerk of the Perry County County Court or 1924
other custodian shall transfer to the Perry County Municipal 1925
Court all pleadings, orders, entries, dockets, bonds, papers, 1926
records, books, exhibits, files, moneys, property, and persons 1927
that belong to, are in the possession of, or are subject to the 1928
jurisdiction of the Perry County County Court, or any officer of 1929
that court, that pertain to those causes, judgments, executions, 1930
and proceedings at the close of business on December 31, 2016. 1931

(C) All employees of the Perry County County Court shall 1932
be transferred to and shall become employees of the Perry County 1933
Municipal Court on January 1, 2017. 1934

(D) Effective January 1, 2017, the part-time judgeship in 1935
the Perry County County Court is abolished. 1936

Section 4. Sections 1901.01, 1901.02, 1901.03, 1901.07, 1937
1901.08, 1901.31, 1901.312, 1901.34, and 1907.11 of the Revised 1938
Code, as amended by this act, shall take effect January 1, 2017. 1939

Section 5. Section 1901.34 of the Revised Code is 1940
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 1941
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 238 and Sub. H.B. 338 of the 128th General 1942
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 1943
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 1944
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 1945
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 1946
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 1947
as presented in this act. 1948