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A BILL

То	amend sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 2151.07,	1
	2301.02, and 2301.03 and to enact section	2
	2101.027 of the Revised Code to reallocate	3
	jurisdictional responsibilities of current	4
	judges of the Hardin County Court of Common	5
	Pleas, to create the Domestic Relations Division	6
	of the Hardin County Court of Common Pleas, and	7
	to modify the provisions regarding the	8
	reimbursement of assigned municipal and county	9
	court judges.	10

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

Section 1. That sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 2151.07,	11			
2301.02, and 2301.03 be amended and section 2101.027 of the				
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:				
Sec. 1901.123. (A)(1) Subject to reimbursement under	14			
division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in				
which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court				
is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an				

acting judge appointed pursuant to division (A)(2)(a), (B)(1), or (C)(1) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county-operated_ 22 municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay 23 the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned 24 pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) 25 of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to 26 division (B)(1) or (4) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code. 27

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this 28 section, the treasurer of the county in which a county-operated municipal court or other municipal court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B)(2) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A)(1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), (C) (2), or (D) of section 1901.121 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 1901.122 of the Revised Code.

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division 41 (A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay any the per 42 diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 43 entitled under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the 44 Revised Code, shall submit to the administrative director of the 45 supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state 46 portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall 47

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include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an 48
affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the 49
days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause 50
reimbursements of those the state portion of the per diem 51
amounts paid to be issued to the county if the administrative 52
director verifies that those amounts were, in fact, so paid. 53

(C) The <u>If the</u> supreme court, pursuant to division (A) (2) 54 (A) (4) of this section, is required to pay any the per diem 55 compensation to which an assigned judge is entitled-under-56 division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the Revised Code. 57 Annually, annually, on the first day of August, the 58 administrative director of the supreme court shall issue a 59 billing to the county treasurer of any county to which such a 60 judge was assigned to a municipal court for reimbursement of the 61 county or local portion of the per diem compensation previously 62 paid by the state supreme court for the twelve-month period 63 preceding the last day of June. The county or local portion of 64 the per diem compensation shall be that part of each per diem 65 paid by the state which is proportional to the county or local 66 shares of the total compensation of a resident judge of such 67 court. The county treasurer shall forward the payment within 68 thirty days. After forwarding the payment, the county treasurer 69 shall seek reimbursement from the applicable local 70 municipalities as appropriate. 71

Sec. 1907.143. (A) (1) Subject to reimbursement under
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division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in
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which a county court is located shall pay the per diem
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1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division
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(A) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(2) The treasurer of the county in which a county court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (1) or (4) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(3) Subject to reimbursement under division (B) of this section, the treasurer of the county in which a county court is located shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (2) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(4) Subject to reimbursement under division (C) of this section, the supreme court shall pay the per diem compensation to which an assigned judge assigned pursuant to division (A) (1), (A) (2) (b), (B) (2), or (C) (2) of section 1907.141 of the Revised Code is entitled pursuant to division (B) (3) of section 1907.142 of the Revised Code.

(B) The treasurer of a county that, pursuant to division 98 (A) (1) or (3) of this section, is required to pay any the per 99 diem compensation to which an acting judge or assigned judge is 100 entitled under division (A)(5) or (6) of section 141.04 of the 101 Revised Code, shall submit to the administrative director of the 102 supreme court quarterly requests for reimbursements of the state 103 portion of the per diem amounts so paid. The requests shall 104 include verifications of the payment of those amounts and an 105 affidavit from the acting judge or assigned judge stating the 106 days and hours worked. The administrative director shall cause 107 reimbursements of those the state portion of the per diem 108

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8, 2027, the probate judge of the court of common pleas of130Hardin county shall have all the powers relating to the general131division of the court of common pleas of Hardin county, shall be132the clerk of the probate court, and shall exercise jurisdiction133over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the general134division.135

(B) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hardin136county who is elected in 2026, and successors, is the successor137to the judge of the probate division of that court whose term138

expires February 8, 2027, shall be designated as a judge of the 139 court of common pleas, general division, shall have all the 140 powers relating to the general division of the court of common 141 pleas of Hardin county, shall be the clerk of the probate court, 142 and shall exercise jurisdiction over matters that are within the 143 jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under Chapter 144 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code and all matters 145 that are within the general division of that court, as set forth 146 in division (FF)(2) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code. 147

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

Whenever the juvenile judge of the juvenile court is sick, 152 is absent from the county, or is unable to attend court, or the 153 volume of cases pending in court necessitates it, upon the 154 request of the administrative juvenile judge, the presiding 155 judge of the court of common pleas pursuant to division (FF) 156 (GG) of section 2301.03 of the Revised Code shall assign a judge 157 of any division of the court of common pleas of the county to 158 act in the juvenile judge's place or in conjunction with the 159 juvenile judge. If no judge of the court of common pleas is 160 available for that purpose, the chief justice of the supreme 161 court shall assign a judge of the court of common pleas, a 162 juvenile judge, or a probate judge from a different county to 163 act in the place of that juvenile judge or in conjunction with 164 that juvenile judge. The assigned judge shall receive the 165 compensation and expenses for so serving that is provided by law 166 for judges assigned to hold court in courts of common pleas. 167

Sec. 2301.02. The number of judges of the court of common

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pleas for each county, the time for the next election of the 169 judges in the several counties, and the beginning of their terms 170 shall be as follows: 171 (A) In Adams, Ashland, Fayette, and Pike counties, one 172 judge, elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957; 173 In Brown, Crawford, Defiance, Highland, Holmes, Morgan, 174 Ottawa, and Union counties, one judge, to be elected in 1954, 175 term to begin February 9, 1955; 176 In Auglaize county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term 177 to begin January 9, 1957; 178 In Coshocton, Darke, Fulton, Gallia, Guernsey, Hardin, 179 Jackson, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Paulding, Vinton, and 180 Wyandot counties, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term to 181 begin January 1, 1957; 182 In Morrow county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 183 term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2006, 184 term to begin January 1, 2007; 185 In Logan county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 186 term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, 187 term to begin January 2, 2005; 188 In Carroll, Clinton, Hocking, Meigs, Pickaway, Preble, 189 Shelby, Van Wert, and Williams counties, one judge, to be 190 elected in 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953; 191 In Champaign county, two judges, one to be elected in 192 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 193 2008, term to begin February 10, 2009; 194

In Harrison and Noble counties, one judge, to be elected 195 in 1954, term to begin April 18, 1955; 196

In Henry county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	197			
term to begin May 9, 1957, and one to be elected in 2004, term				
to begin January 1, 2005;				
In Putnam county, one judge, to be elected in 1956, term	200			
to begin May 9, 1957;	200			
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In Huron county, one judge, to be elected in 1952, term to	202			
begin May 14, 1953;	203			
In Perry county, one judge, to be elected in 1954, term to	204			
begin July 6, 1956;	205			
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In Sandusky county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	206			
term to begin February 10, 1955, and one to be elected in 1978,	207			
term to begin January 1, 1979 <u>;</u>	208			
In Hardin County, two judges, one to be elected in 1956,	209			
term to begin January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 2026,	210			
term to begin February 9, 2027.	211			
(B) In Allen county, three judges, one to be elected in	212			
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in 1958, term to begin January 1, 1959, and the third to be	214			
elected in 1992, term to begin January 1, 1993;	215			
In Ashtabula county, three judges, one to be elected in	216			
1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1960,	217			
term to begin January 1, 1961, and one to be elected in 1978,	218			
term to begin January 2, 1979;	219			
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In Athens county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954,	220			
term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1990,	221			
term to begin July 1, 1991;	222			
In Erie county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956,	223			
term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1970,	224			

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term to begin January 2, 1971, the third to be elected in 2004, 225 term to begin January 2, 2005, and the fourth to be elected in 2008, term to begin February 9, 2009; 227

In Fairfield county, three judges, one to be elected in 228 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected 229 in 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, and the third to be 230 elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 231

In Geauga county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 232 term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 233 1976, term to begin January 6, 1977; 234

In Greene county, four judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, the third to be elected in 1978, term to begin January 2, 1979, and the fourth to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995;

In Hancock county, two judges, one to be elected in 1952, 240 term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be elected in 241 1978, term to begin January 1, 1979; 242

In Lawrence county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, 243 term to begin February 9, 1955, and the second to be elected in 244 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977; 245

In Marion county, three judges, one to be elected in 1952, 246 term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1976, 247 term to begin January 2, 1977, and the third to be elected in 248 1998, term to begin February 9, 1999; 249

In Medina county, three judges, one to be elected in 1956, 250 term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 1966, 251 term to begin January 1, 1967, and the third to be elected in 252 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995; 253

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In Miami county, two judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 9, 1955, and one to be elected in 1970, term to begin on January 1, 1971;

In Muskingum county, three judges, one to be elected in 257 1968, term to begin August 9, 1969, one to be elected in 1978, 258 term to begin January 1, 1979, and one to be elected in 2002, 259 term to begin January 2, 2003; 260

In Portage county, three judges, one to be elected in 261 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 262 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected 263 in 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 264

In Ross county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, term to begin February 9, 1957, and the second to be elected in 1976, term to begin January 1, 1977;

In Scioto county, three judges, one to be elected in 1954, term to begin February 10, 1955, the second to be elected in 1960, term to begin January 1, 1961, and the third to be elected in 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995;

In Seneca county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 272 term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be elected in 273 1986, term to begin January 2, 1987; 274

In Warren county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 275 term to begin February 9, 1955, the second to be elected in 276 1970, term to begin January 1, 1971, the third to be elected in 277 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987, and the fourth to be 278 elected in 2004, term to begin January 2, 2005; 279

In Washington county, two judges, one to be elected in 280 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and one to be elected in 281 1986, term to begin January 1, 1987; 282

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In Wood county, three judges, one to be elected in 1968, 283 term beginning January 1, 1969, the second to be elected in 284 1970, term to begin January 2, 1971, and the third to be elected 285 in 1990, term to begin January 1, 1991; 286 In Belmont and Jefferson counties, two judges, to be 287 elected in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 288 1955, respectively; 289 In Clark county, four judges, one to be elected in 1952, 290 term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1956, 291 term to begin January 2, 1957, the third to be elected in 1986, 292 term to begin January 3, 1987, and the fourth to be elected in 293 1994, term to begin January 2, 1995; 294 In Clermont county, five judges, one to be elected in 295

1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in2961964, term to begin January 1, 1965, the third to be elected in2971982, term to begin January 2, 1983, the fourth to be elected in2981986, term to begin January 2, 1987, and the fifth to be elected299in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007;300

In Columbiana county, two judges, one to be elected in 301 1952, term to begin January 1, 1953, and the second to be 302 elected in 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; 303

In Delaware county, three judges, one to be elected in 304 1990, term to begin February 9, 1991, the second to be elected 305 in 1994, term to begin January 1, 1995, and the third to be 306 elected in 2016, term to begin January 1, 2017; 307

In Lake county, six judges, one to be elected in 1958, 308 term to begin January 1, 1959, the second to be elected in 1960, 309 term to begin January 2, 1961, the third to be elected in 1964, 310 term to begin January 3, 1965, the fourth and fifth to be 311

elected in 1978, terms to begin January 4, 1979, and January 5, 312 1979, respectively, and the sixth to be elected in 2000, term to 313 begin January 6, 2001; 314

In Licking county, four judges, one to be elected in 1954, 315 term to begin February 9, 1955, one to be elected in 1964, term 316 to begin January 1, 1965, one to be elected in 1990, term to 317 begin January 1, 1991, and one to be elected in 2004, term to 318 begin January 1, 2005; 319

In Lorain county, nine judges, two to be elected in 1952, 320 terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 321 respectively, one to be elected in 1958, term to begin January 322 3, 1959, one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 1, 323 1969, two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 4, 1989, 324 and January 5, 1989, respectively, two to be elected in 1998, 325 terms to begin January 2, 1999, and January 3, 1999, 326 respectively; and one to be elected in 2006, term to begin 327 January 6, 2007; 328

In Butler county, eleven judges, one to be elected in 329 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957; two to be elected in 1954, 330 terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 331 respectively; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 332 2, 1969; one to be elected in 1986, term to begin January 3, 333 1987; two to be elected in 1988, terms to begin January 1, 1989, 334 and January 2, 1989, respectively; one to be elected in 1992, 335 term to begin January 4, 1993; two to be elected in 2002, terms 336 to begin January 2, 2003, and January 3, 2003, respectively; and 337 one to be elected in 2006, term to begin January 3, 2007; 338

In Richland county, four judges, one to be elected in 339 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, the second to be elected in 340 1960, term to begin February 9, 1961, the third to be elected in 341

1968, term to be	gin January 2, 1969, and	the fourth to be	342
elected in 2004,	term to begin January 3,	2005;	343

In Tuscarawas county, two judges, one to be elected in 344 1956, term to begin January 1, 1957, and the second to be 345 elected in 1960, term to begin January 2, 1961; 346

In Wayne county, two judges, one to be elected in 1956, 347 term beginning January 1, 1957, and one to be elected in 1968, 348 term to begin January 2, 1969; 349

In Trumbull county, six judges, one to be elected in 1952, 350 term to begin January 1, 1953, the second to be elected in 1954, 351 term to begin January 1, 1955, the third to be elected in 1956, 352 term to begin January 1, 1957, the fourth to be elected in 1964, 353 term to begin January 1, 1965, the fifth to be elected in 1976, 354 term to begin January 2, 1977, and the sixth to be elected in 355 1994, term to begin January 3, 1995; 356

(C) In Cuyahoga county, thirty-nine judges; eight to be 357 elected in 1954, terms to begin on successive days beginning 358 from January 1, 1955, to January 7, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 359 respectively; eight to be elected in 1956, terms to begin on 360 successive days beginning from January 1, 1957, to January 8, 361 1957; three to be elected in 1952, terms to begin from January 362 1, 1953, to January 3, 1953; two to be elected in 1960, terms to 363 begin on January 8, 1961, and January 9, 1961, respectively; two 364 to be elected in 1964, terms to begin January 4, 1965, and 365 January 5, 1965, respectively; one to be elected in 1966, term 366 to begin on January 10, 1967; four to be elected in 1968, terms 367 to begin on successive days beginning from January 9, 1969, to 368 January 12, 1969; two to be elected in 1974, terms to begin on 369 January 18, 1975, and January 19, 1975, respectively; five to be 370 elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive days beginning 371

January 6, 1977, to January 10, 1977; two to be elected in 1982, 372 terms to begin January 11, 1983, and January 12, 1983, 373 respectively; and two to be elected in 1986, terms to begin 374 January 13, 1987, and January 14, 1987, respectively; 375

In Franklin county, twenty-four judges; two to be elected 376 in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 377 respectively; four to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 378 1, 1957, to January 4, 1957; four to be elected in 1958, terms 379 to begin January 1, 1959, to January 4, 1959; three to be 380 elected in 1968, terms to begin January 5, 1969, to January 7, 381 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on successive 382 days beginning January 5, 1977, to January 7, 1977; one to be 383 elected in 1982, term to begin January 8, 1983; one to be 384 elected in 1986, term to begin January 9, 1987; two to be 385 elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 2, 1991, 386 respectively; one to be elected in 1996, term to begin January 387 2, 1997; one to be elected in 2004, term to begin July 1, 2005; 388 one to be elected in 2018, term to begin January 9, 2019; and 389 one to be elected in 2020, term to begin January 3, 2021; 390

In Hamilton county, twenty-one judges; eight to be elected 391 in 1966, terms to begin January 1, 1967, January 2, 1967, and 392 from February 9, 1967, to February 14, 1967, respectively; five 393 to be elected in 1956, terms to begin from January 1, 1957, to 394 January 5, 1957; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin 395 January 1, 1965; one to be elected in 1974, term to begin 396 January 15, 1975; one to be elected in 1980, term to begin 397 January 16, 1981; two to be elected at large in the general 398 election in 1982, terms to begin April 1, 1983; one to be 399 elected in 1990, term to begin July 1, 1991; and two to be 400 elected in 1996, terms to begin January 3, 1997, and January 4, 401 1997, respectively; 402

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In Lucas county, fourteen judges; two to be elected in 403 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 404 respectively; two to be elected in 1956, terms to begin January 405 1, 1957, and October 29, 1957, respectively; two to be elected 406 in 1952, terms to begin January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1953, 407 respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to begin January 408 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin January 4, 409 1969; two to be elected in 1976, terms to begin January 4, 1977, 410 and January 5, 1977, respectively; one to be elected in 1982, 411 term to begin January 6, 1983; one to be elected in 1988, term 412 to begin January 7, 1989; one to be elected in 1990, term to 413 begin January 2, 1991; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 414 begin January 2, 1993; 415

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

In Montgomery county, fifteen judges; three to be elected 423 in 1954, terms to begin January 1, 1955, January 2, 1955, and 424 January 3, 1955, respectively; four to be elected in 1952, terms 425 to begin January 1, 1953, January 2, 1953, July 1, 1953, and 426 July 2, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 1964, term to 427 begin January 3, 1965; one to be elected in 1968, term to begin 428 January 3, 1969; three to be elected in 1976, terms to begin on 429 successive days beginning January 4, 1977, to January 6, 1977; 430 two to be elected in 1990, terms to begin July 1, 1991, and July 431 2, 1991, respectively; and one to be elected in 1992, term to 432 begin January 1, 1993; 433

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In Stark county, eight judges; one to be elected in 1958, 434 term to begin on January 2, 1959; two to be elected in 1954, 435 terms to begin on January 1, 1955, and February 9, 1955, 436 respectively; two to be elected in 1952, terms to begin January 437 1, 1953, and April 16, 1953, respectively; one to be elected in 438 1966, term to begin on January 4, 1967; and two to be elected in 439 1992, terms to begin January 1, 1993, and January 2, 1993, 440 respectively; 441

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in any county 452 having two or more judges of the court of common pleas, in which 453 more than one-third of the judges plus one were previously 454 elected at the same election, if the office of one of those 455 judges so elected becomes vacant more than forty days prior to 456 the second general election preceding the expiration of that 457 judge's term, the office that that judge had filled shall be 458 abolished as of the date of the next general election, and a new 459 office of judge of the court of common pleas shall be created. 460 The judge who is to fill that new office shall be elected for a 461 six-year term at the next general election, and the term of that 462 judge shall commence on the first day of the year following that 463 general election, on which day no other judge's term begins, so 464

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that the number of judges that the county shall elect shall not be reduced.

Judges of the probate division of the court of common 467 pleas are judges of the court of common pleas but shall be 468 elected pursuant to sections 2101.02 and 2101.021 of the Revised 469 Code, except in Adams, Harrison, Henry, Morgan, Noble, and 470 Wyandot counties in which the judge of the court of common pleas 471 elected pursuant to this section also shall serve as judge of 472 the probate division, except in Lorain county in which the 473 judges of the domestic relations division of the Lorain county 474 court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 475 shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 476 probate division from February 9, 2009, through September 28, 477 2009, and except in Morrow county in which the judges of the 478 court of common pleas elected pursuant to this section also 479 shall perform the duties and functions of the judge of the 480 probate division. 481

Sec. 2301.03. (A) In Franklin county, the judges of the 482 court of common pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, 483 January 2, 1953, January 5, 1969, January 5, 1977, January 2, 484 1997, January 9, 2019, and January 3, 2021, and successors, 485 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 486 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 487 of the court of common pleas of Franklin county and shall be 488 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 489 division of domestic relations. They shall have all the powers 490 relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 491 and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings under 492 Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile court 493 has jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 494 legal separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to them. 495

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In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge who is 496 senior in point of service shall serve on the children services 497 board and the county advisory board and shall be the 498 administrator of the domestic relations division and its 499 subdivisions and departments. 500

(B) In Hamilton county:

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

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 508 begin on January 5, 1957, January 16, 1981, and July 1, 1991, 509 and successors, shall be elected and designated as judges of the 510 court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, and shall 511 have assigned to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 512 legal separation, and annulment cases coming before the court. 513 On or after the first day of July and before the first day of 514 August of 1991 and each year thereafter, a majority of the 515 judges of the division of domestic relations shall elect one of 516 the judges of the division as administrative judge of that 517 division. If a majority of the judges of the division of 518 domestic relations are unable for any reason to elect an 519 administrative judge for the division before the first day of 520 August, a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of 521 common pleas, as soon as possible after that date, shall elect 522 one of the judges of the division of domestic relations as 523 administrative judge of that division. The term of the 524 administrative judge shall begin on the earlier of the first day 525

of August of the year in which the administrative judge is526elected or the date on which the administrative judge is elected527by a majority of the judges of the Hamilton county court of528common pleas and shall terminate on the date on which the529administrative judge's successor is elected in the following530year.531

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the 532 administrative judge of the division of domestic relations shall 533 be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 534 subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 535 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 536 division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 537 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 538 annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary by 539 the judges in the discharge of their various duties. 540

The administrative judge of the division of domestic 541 relations also shall designate the title, compensation, expense 542 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 543 personnel of the division, and shall fix the duties of its 544 personnel. The duties of the personnel, in addition to those 545 provided for in other sections of the Revised Code, shall 546 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 547 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 548 and counseling and conciliation services that may be made 549 available to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons 550 are parties to an action pending in the division. 551

The board of county commissioners shall appropriate the552sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative553expenses of the division of domestic relations, including554reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judges and the555

division counselors and other employees designated to conduct 556 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 557 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 558 conciliation and counseling, and all matters relating to those 559 cases and counseling, and the expenses involved in the 560 attendance of division personnel at domestic relations and 561 welfare conferences designated by the division, and the further 562 sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of the 563 division of domestic relations. 564

The compensation and expenses of all employees and the 565 salary and expenses of the judges shall be paid by the county 566 treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the 567 division, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to 568 by the administrative judge of the division of domestic 569 relations. 570

The summonses, warrants, citations, subpoenas, and other 571 writs of the division may issue to a bailiff, constable, or 572 staff investigator of the division or to the sheriff of any 573 county or any marshal, constable, or police officer, and the 574 provisions of law relating to the subpoenaing of witnesses in 575 other cases shall apply insofar as they are applicable. When a 576 summons, warrant, citation, subpoena, or other writ is issued to 577 an officer, other than a bailiff, constable, or staff 578 investigator of the division, the expense of serving it shall be 579 assessed as a part of the costs in the case involved. 580

(3) The judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton
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county whose term begins on January 3, 1997, and the successors
to that judge shall each be elected and designated as the drug
court judge of the court of common pleas of Hamilton county. The
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drug court judge may accept or reject any case referred to the
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drug court judge under division (B) (3) of this section. After586the drug court judge accepts a referred case, the drug court587judge has full authority over the case, including the authority588to conduct arraignment, accept pleas, enter findings and589dispositions, conduct trials, order treatment, and if treatment590is not successfully completed pronounce and enter sentence.591

A judge of the general division of the court of common 592 pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county 593 municipal court may refer to the drug court judge any case, and 594 any companion cases, the judge determines meet the criteria 595 described under divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section. If 596 the drug court judge accepts referral of a referred case, the 597 case, and any companion cases, shall be transferred to the drug 598 court judge. A judge may refer a case meeting the criteria 599 described in divisions (B)(3)(a) and (b) of this section that 600 involves a violation of a condition of a community control 601 sanction to the drug court judge, and, if the drug court judge 602 accepts the referral, the referring judge and the drug court 603 judge have concurrent jurisdiction over the case. 604

A judge of the general division of the court of common605pleas of Hamilton county and a judge of the Hamilton county606municipal court may refer a case to the drug court judge under607division (B) (3) of this section if the judge determines that608both of the following apply:609

(a) One of the following applies:

(i) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in
(ii) The case involves a drug abuse offense, as defined in
(ii) Section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the
(ii) the degree if the offense is committed prior to July
(iii) the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the
(iii) the third, fourth, or a misdemeanor.

(ii) The case involves a theft offense, as defined in 616 section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, that is a felony of the 617 third or fourth degree if the offense is committed prior to July 618 1, 1996, a felony of the third, fourth, or fifth degree if the 619 offense is committed on or after July 1, 1996, or a misdemeanor, 620 and the defendant is drug or alcohol dependent or in danger of 621 622 becoming drug or alcohol dependent and would benefit from treatment. 623

(b) All of the following apply:

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

(ii) The defendant has no history of violent behavior. 629

(iii) The defendant has no history of mental illness.

(iv) The defendant's current or past behavior, or both, is drug or alcohol driven.

(v) The defendant demonstrates a sincere willingness to633participate in a fifteen-month treatment process.634

(vi) The defendant has no acute health condition.

(vii) If the defendant is incarcerated, the countyprosecutor approves of the referral.637

(4) If the administrative judge of the court of common
pleas of Hamilton county determines that the volume of cases
pending before the drug court judge does not constitute a
sufficient caseload for the drug court judge, the administrative
in accordance with the Rules of Superintendence for
Courts of Common Pleas, shall assign individual cases to the

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drug court judge from the general docket of the court. If the 644 assignments so occur, the administrative judge shall cease the 645 assignments when the administrative judge determines that the 646 volume of cases pending before the drug court judge constitutes 647 a sufficient caseload for the drug court judge. 648

(5) As used in division (B) of this section, "community control sanction," "mandatory prison term," and "mandatory jail term" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

(C) (1) In Lorain county:

(a) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 654 begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and January 2, 1999, 655 and successors, and the judge of the court of common pleas whose 656 term begins on February 9, 2009, shall have the same 657 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 658 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 659 of common pleas of Lorain county and shall be elected and 660 designated as the judges of the court of common pleas, division 661 of domestic relations. The judges of the court of common pleas 662 whose terms begin on January 3, 1959, January 4, 1989, and 663 January 2, 1999, and successors, shall have all of the powers 664 relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 665 and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings over 666 which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and all divorce, 667 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 668 shall be assigned to them, except cases that for some special 669 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 670 pleas. From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, the 671 judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on February 672 9, 2009, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, 673

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and cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code,674parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has675jurisdiction, and divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal676separation, and annulment cases shall be assigned to that judge,677except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some678other judge of the court of common pleas.679

(b) From January 1, 2006, through September 28, 2009, the
judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic
relations, in addition to the powers and jurisdiction set forth
in division (C) (1) (a) of this section, shall have jurisdiction
over matters that are within the jurisdiction of the probate
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(c) The judge of the court of common pleas, division of
domestic relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, is
the successor to the probate judge who was elected in 2002 for a
term that began on February 9, 2003. After September 28, 2009,
the judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic
relations, whose term begins on February 9, 2009, shall be the
probate judge.

(2) (a) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009, 694 with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the 695 probate court shall be construed as references to the court of 696 common pleas, division of domestic relations, and all references 697 to the probate judge shall be construed as references to the 698 judges of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 699 relations. 700

(b) From February 9, 2009, through September 28, 2009,701with respect to Lorain county, all references in law to the702clerk of the probate court shall be construed as references to703

the judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of704Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative705judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic706relations.707

(D) In Lucas county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 709 begin on January 1, 1955, and January 3, 1965, and successors, 710 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 711 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 712 of the court of common pleas of Lucas county and shall be 713 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 714 division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 715 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases shall be 716 assigned to them. 717

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

724 (2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 725 begin on January 5, 1977, and January 2, 1991, and successors shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 726 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 727 of the court of common pleas of Lucas county, shall be elected 728 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 729 division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 730 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with the powers and 731 jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. In addition to the 732 judge's regular duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, 733

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juvenile division, senior in point of service, shall be the 734 administrator of the juvenile division and its subdivisions and 735 departments and shall have charge of the employment, assignment, 736 and supervision of the personnel of the division engaged in 737 handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 738 any referees considered necessary by the judges of the division 739 in the discharge of their various duties. 740

The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, 741 senior in point of service, also shall designate the title, 742 743 compensation, expense allowance, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix the 744 duties of the personnel of the division. The duties of the 745 personnel, in addition to other statutory duties include the 746 handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and 747 counseling and conciliation services that may be made available 748 to persons requesting them, whether or not the persons are 749 parties to an action pending in the division. 750

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

(E) In Mahoning county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term
began on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of
common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated
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relations, and shall be assigned all the divorce, dissolution of 764 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases coming before 765 the court. In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge 766 of the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, 767 shall be the administrator of the domestic relations division 768 and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 769 the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 770 the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 771 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 772 annulment cases, including any referees considered necessary in 773 the discharge of the various duties of the judge's office. 774

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 775 776 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 777 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 778 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 779 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 780 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and counseling 781 and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 782 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 783 action pending in the division. 784

785 (2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term began on January 2, 1969, and successors, shall have the same 786 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 787 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 788 common pleas of Mahoning county, shall be elected and designated 789 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 790 shall be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 791 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions 792 conferred by those chapters. In addition to the judge's regular 793 duties, the judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 794

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division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 795 and its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of 796 the employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of 797 the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 798 juvenile cases, including any referees considered necessary by 799 the judge in the discharge of the judge's various duties. 800

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 801 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 802 the personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 803 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 804 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 805 servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and counseling 806 and conciliation services that may be made available to persons 807 requesting them, whether or not the persons are parties to an 808 action pending in the division. 809

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

(F) In Montgomery county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 817 begin on January 2, 1953, and January 4, 1977, and successors, 818 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 819 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 820 of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county and shall be 821 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 822 division of domestic relations. These judges shall have assigned 823 to them all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 824

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The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 826 point of service, shall be charged exclusively with the 827 assignment and division of the work of the division and shall 828 have charge of the employment and supervision of the personnel 829 of the division engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating 830 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 831 annulment cases, including any necessary referees, except those 832 employees who may be appointed by the judge, junior in point of 833 service, under this section and sections 2301.12 and 2301.18 of 834 the Revised Code. The judge of the division of domestic 835 relations, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 836 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 837 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 838 fix their duties. 839

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 840 begin on January 1, 1953, and January 1, 1993, and successors, 841 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 842 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 843 of the court of common pleas of Montgomery county, shall be 844 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 845 juvenile division, and shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 847 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code. 848

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 849 the court of common pleas, juvenile division, senior in point of 850 service, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division and 851 its subdivisions and departments and shall have charge of the 852 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 853 juvenile division, including any necessary referees, who are 854

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engaged in handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases. 855 The judge, senior in point of service, also shall designate the 856 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 857 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 858 fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 859 other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 860 and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 861 conciliation services that are available upon request to 862 863 persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in the division. 864

If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 865 division of domestic relations, or one of the judges of the 866 court of common pleas, juvenile division, is sick, absent, or 867 unable to perform that judge's duties or the volume of cases 868 pending in that judge's division necessitates it, the duties of 869 that judge may be performed by the judge or judges of the other 870 of those divisions. 871

(G) In Richland county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 873 begins on January 1, 1957, and successors, shall have the same 874 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 875 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 876 of common pleas of Richland county and shall be elected and 877 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 878 domestic relations. That judge shall be assigned and hear all 879 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 880 annulment cases, all domestic violence cases arising under 881 section 3113.31 of the Revised Code, and all post-decree 882 proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any of those 883 matters. The division of domestic relations has concurrent 884

jurisdiction with the juvenile division of the court of common 885 pleas of Richland county to determine the care, custody, or 886 control of any child not a ward of another court of this state, 887 and to hear and determine a request for an order for the support 888 of any child if the request is not ancillary to an action for 889 divorce, dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal 890 separation, a criminal or civil action involving an allegation 891 of domestic violence, or an action for support brought under 892 Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. Except in cases that are 893 subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the juvenile 894 court, the judge of the division of domestic relations shall be 895 assigned and hear all cases pertaining to paternity or 896 parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 897 time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 898 rights and responsibilities for the care of children, all 899 proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all 900 proceedings arising under the uniform interstate family support 901 act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, and all 902 post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining to any 903 of those matters. 904

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 905 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations, shall 906 be the administrator of the domestic relations division and its 907 subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have charge of the 908 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 909 domestic relations division, including any magistrates the judge 910 considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's duties. The 911 judge shall also designate the title, compensation, expense 912 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, vacation, and other 913 employment-related matters of the personnel of the division and 914 shall fix their duties. 915

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 916 begins on January 3, 2005, and successors, shall have the same 917 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 918 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 919 common pleas of Richland county, shall be elected and designated 920 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 921 shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 922 judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 923 Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 924 jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 925 division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 926 shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity or 927 parentage, the care, custody, or control of children, parenting 928 time or visitation, child support, or the allocation of parental 929 rights and responsibilities for the care of children or any 930 post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to any 931 of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall not 932 have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 933 assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 934 support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 935

In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge of 936 the juvenile division shall be the administrator of the juvenile 937 division and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall 938 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 939 the personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in 940 handling, servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including 941 any magistrates whom the judge considers necessary for the 942 discharge of the judge's various duties. 943

The judge of the juvenile division also shall designate944the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of945absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall946

fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 947 other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and 948 investigation of juvenile cases and providing any counseling, 949 conciliation, and mediation services that the court makes 950 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 951 an action pending in the court, who request the services. 952

(H) (1) In Stark county, the judges of the court of common 953 pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, January 2, 1959, and 954 January 1, 1993, and successors, shall have the same 955 956 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 957 common pleas of Stark county and shall be elected and designated 958 as judges of the court of common pleas, family court division. 959 They shall have all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and 960 all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, 961 all parentage proceedings over which the juvenile court has 962 jurisdiction, and all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 963 separation, and annulment cases, except cases that are assigned 964 to some other judge of the court of common pleas for some 965 special reason, shall be assigned to the judges. 966

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(3) The judge of the family court division, senior in
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of the work of the division and the employment and supervision977of all other personnel of the division, including, but not978limited to, that judge's necessary referees, but excepting those979employees who may be appointed by the judge second most senior980in point of service. The senior judge further shall serve in981every other position in which the statutes permit or require a982juvenile judge to serve.983

(4) On and after September 29, 2015, all references in law 984 to "the division of domestic relations," "the domestic relations 985 division," "the domestic relations court," "the judge of the 986 division of domestic relations," or "the judge of the domestic 987 relations division" shall be construed, with respect to Stark 988 county, as being references to "the family court division" or 989 "the judge of the family court division." 990

(I) In Summit county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 992 begin on January 4, 1967, and January 6, 1993, and successors, 993 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 994 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 995 of the court of common pleas of Summit county and shall be 996 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 997 division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 998 domestic relations shall have assigned to them and hear all 999 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1000 annulment cases that come before the court. Except in cases that 1001 are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1002 juvenile court, the judges of the division of domestic relations 1003 shall have assigned to them and hear all cases pertaining to 1004 paternity, custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation 1005 of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1006

and all post-decree proceedings arising from any case pertaining1007to any of those matters. The judges of the division of domestic1008relations shall have assigned to them and hear all proceedings1009under the uniform interstate family support act contained in1010Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code.1011

The judge of the division of domestic relations, senior in 1012 point of service, shall be the administrator of the domestic 1013 relations division and its subdivisions and departments and 1014 shall have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision 1015 of the personnel of the division, including any necessary 1016 referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1017 investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1018 separation, and annulment cases. That judge also shall designate 1019 the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1020 absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1021 shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1022 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1023 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1024 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and of any 1025 counseling and conciliation services that are available upon 1026 request to all persons, whether or not they are parties to an 1027 action pending in the division. 1028

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1029 begins on January 1, 1955, and successors, shall have the same 1030 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1031 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1032 common pleas of Summit county, shall be elected and designated 1033 as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and 1034 shall be, and have the powers and jurisdiction of, the juvenile 1035 judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised 1036 Code. Except in cases that are subject to the exclusive original 1037

jurisdiction of the juvenile court, the judge of the juvenile 1038 division shall not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and 1039 shall not be assigned, any case pertaining to paternity, 1040 custody, visitation, child support, or the allocation of 1041 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children or 1042 any post-decree proceeding arising from any case pertaining to 1043 any of those matters. The judge of the juvenile division shall 1044 not have jurisdiction or the power to hear, and shall not be 1045 assigned, any proceeding under the uniform interstate family 1046 support act contained in Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code. 1047

The juvenile judge shall be the administrator of the 1048 juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments and shall 1049 have charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of 1050 the personnel of the juvenile division, including any necessary 1051 referees, who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1052 investigating juvenile cases. The judge also shall designate the 1053 title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1054 absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall 1055 fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition to 1056 other statutory duties, shall include the handling, servicing, 1057 and investigation of juvenile cases and of any counseling and 1058 conciliation services that are available upon request to 1059 persons, whether or not they are parties to an action pending in 1060 the division. 1061

(J) In Trumbull county, the judges of the court of common1062pleas whose terms begin on January 1, 1953, and January 2, 1977,1063and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the1064same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation1065as other judges of the court of common pleas of Trumbull county1066and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of1067common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have1068

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all the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under1069Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage1070proceedings over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and1071all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and1072annulment cases shall be assigned to them, except cases that for1073some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the1074court of common pleas.1075

(K) In Butler county:

(1) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1077 begin on January 1, 1957, and January 4, 1993, and successors, 1078 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1079 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1080 of the court of common pleas of Butler county and shall be 1081 elected and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, 1082 division of domestic relations. The judges of the division of 1083 domestic relations shall have assigned to them all divorce, 1084 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1085 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1086 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1087 pleas. The judges of the division of domestic relations also 1088 have concurrent jurisdiction with judges of the juvenile 1089 division of the court of common pleas of Butler county with 1090 respect to and may hear cases to determine the custody, support, 1091 or custody and support of a child who is born of issue of a 1092 marriage and who is not the ward of another court of this state, 1093 cases commenced by a party of the marriage to obtain an order 1094 requiring support of any child when the request for that order 1095 is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1096 marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1097 action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1098 for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1099

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action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1100 juvenile division of the court of common pleas of Butler county 1101 and that involves an allegation that the child is an abused, 1102 neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree proceedings and 1103 matters arising from those types of cases. The judge senior in 1104 point of service shall be charged with the assignment and 1105 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1106 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1107 division. 1108

The judge senior in point of service also shall designate 1109 the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, leaves of 1110 absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1111 shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in addition 1112 to other statutory duties, shall include the handling, 1113 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1114 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases and providing 1115 any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1116 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1117 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1118

(2) The judges of the court of common pleas whose terms 1119 begin on January 3, 1987, and January 2, 2003, and successors, 1120 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1121 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1122 of the court of common pleas of Butler county, shall be elected 1123 and designated as judges of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1124 division, and shall be the juvenile judges as provided in 1125 Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, with the powers 1126 and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. Except in cases 1127 that are subject to the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1128 juvenile court, the judges of the juvenile division shall not 1129 have jurisdiction or the power to hear and shall not be 1130

assigned, but shall have the limited ability and authority to 1131 certify, any case commenced by a party of a marriage to 1132 determine the custody, support, or custody and support of a 1133 child who is born of issue of the marriage and who is not the 1134 ward of another court of this state when the request for the 1135 order in the case is not ancillary to an action for divorce, 1136 dissolution of marriage, annulment, or legal separation. The 1137 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, who is 1138 senior in point of service, shall be the administrator of the 1139 juvenile division and its subdivisions and departments. The 1140 judge, senior in point of service, shall have charge of the 1141 employment, assignment, and supervision of the personnel of the 1142 juvenile division who are engaged in handling, servicing, or 1143 investigating juvenile cases, including any referees whom the 1144 judge considers necessary for the discharge of the judge's 1145 various duties. 1146

The judge, senior in point of service, also shall 1147 designate the title, compensation, expense allowances, hours, 1148 leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division 1149 and shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel, in 1150 1151 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile cases and providing any 1152 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1153 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1154 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1155

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

(L) (1) In Cuyahoga county, the judges of the court of 1162 common pleas whose terms begin on January 8, 1961, January 9, 1163 1961, January 18, 1975, January 19, 1975, and January 13, 1987, 1164 and successors, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1165 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1166 as other judges of the court of common pleas of Cuyahoga county 1167 and shall be elected and designated as judges of the court of 1168 common pleas, division of domestic relations. They shall have 1169 all the powers relating to all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1170 legal separation, and annulment cases, except in cases that are 1171 assigned to some other judge of the court of common pleas for 1172 some special reason. 1173

(2) The administrative judge is administrator of the
domestic relations division and its subdivisions and departments
and has the following powers concerning division personnel:
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(a) Full charge of the employment, assignment, and1177supervision;1178

(b) Sole determination of compensation, duties, expenses,1179allowances, hours, leaves, and vacations.1180

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

(M) In Lake county:

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term
begins on January 2, 1961, and successors, shall have the same
qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and
receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court
of common pleas of Lake county and shall be elected and
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designated as judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1191 domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all the divorce, 1192 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1193 coming before the court, except in cases that for some special 1194 reason are assigned to some other judge of the court of common 1195 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1196 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1197 supervision of all other personnel of the domestic relations 1198 division. 1199

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1200 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1201 the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1202 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1203 shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1204 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1205 annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1206 services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1207 or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1208 division, who request the services. 1209

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1210 begins on January 4, 1979, and successors, shall have the same 1211 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1212 receive the same compensation as other judges of the court of 1213 common pleas of Lake county, shall be elected and designated as 1214 judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile division, and shall 1215 be the juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of 1216 the Revised Code, with the powers and jurisdictions conferred by 1217 those chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1218 division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1219 and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1220 charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1221

personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling,1222servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any1223referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of1224the judge's various duties.1225

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1226 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of 1227 the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1228 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1229 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1230 1231 cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services that the division makes available to persons, whether or not the 1232 persons are parties to an action pending in the division, who 1233 1234 request the services.

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

(N) In Erie county:

1242 (1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1971, and the successors to that judge 1243 whose terms begin before January 2, 2007, shall have the same 1244 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1245 receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1246 common pleas of Erie county and shall be elected and designated 1247 as judge of the court of common pleas, division of domestic 1248 relations. The judge shall have all the powers relating to 1249 juvenile courts, and shall be assigned all cases under Chapters 1250 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code, parentage proceedings over 1251

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which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, and divorce, 1252
dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1253
except cases that for some special reason are assigned to some 1254
other judge. 1255

On or after January 2, 2007, the judge of the court of 1256 common pleas who is elected in 2006 shall be the successor to 1257 the judge of the domestic relations division whose term expires 1258 on January 1, 2007, shall be designated as judge of the court of 1259 common pleas, juvenile division, and shall be the juvenile judge 1260 as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the Revised Code with 1261 the powers and jurisdictions conferred by those chapters. 1262

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1263 division, whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1264 the judge of the court of common pleas, general division whose 1265 term begins on January 2, 2005, and successors, and the judge of 1266 the court of common pleas, general division, whose term begins 1267 February 9, 2009, and successors, shall have assigned to them, 1268 in addition to all matters that are within the jurisdiction of 1269 the general division of the court of common pleas, all divorce, 1270 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1271 coming before the court, and all matters that are within the 1272 jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1273 provisions, of the Revised Code. 1274

(O) In Greene county:

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(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1276 begins on January 1, 1961, and successors, shall have the same 1277 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1278 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1279 of common pleas of Greene county and shall be elected and 1280 designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1281

of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all divorce,1282dissolution of marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform1283reciprocal support enforcement, and domestic violence cases and1284all other cases related to domestic relations, except cases that1285for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the1286court of common pleas.1287

The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1288 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1289 supervision of all other personnel of the division. The judge 1290 1291 also shall designate the title, compensation, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and 1292 shall fix their duties. The duties of the personnel of the 1293 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1294 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1295 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1296 and the provision of counseling and conciliation services that 1297 the division considers necessary and makes available to persons 1298 who request the services, whether or not the persons are parties 1299 in an action pending in the division. The compensation for the 1300 personnel shall be paid from the overall court budget and shall 1301 be included in the appropriations for the existing judges of the 1302 general division of the court of common pleas. 1303

(2) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1304 begins on January 1, 1995, and successors, shall have the same 1305 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1306 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1307 of common pleas of Greene county, shall be elected and 1308 designated as judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1309 division, and, on or after January 1, 1995, shall be the 1310 juvenile judge as provided in Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1311 Revised Code with the powers and jurisdiction conferred by those 1312

chapters. The judge of the court of common pleas, juvenile 1313 division, shall be the administrator of the juvenile division 1314 and its subdivisions and departments. The judge shall have 1315 charge of the employment, assignment, and supervision of the 1316 personnel of the juvenile division who are engaged in handling, 1317 servicing, or investigating juvenile cases, including any 1318 referees whom the judge considers necessary for the discharge of 1319 the judge's various duties. 1320

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1321 1322 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacation of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1323 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1324 include the handling, servicing, and investigation of juvenile 1325 cases and providing any counseling and conciliation services 1326 that the court makes available to persons, whether or not the 1327 persons are parties to an action pending in the court, who 1328 request the services. 1329

(3) If one of the judges of the court of common pleas, 1330 general division, is sick, absent, or unable to perform that 1311 judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in the 1332 general division necessitates it, the duties of that judge of 1333 the general division shall be performed by the judge of the 1334 division of domestic relations and the judge of the juvenile 1335 division.

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

division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1343 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1344 annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1345 for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1346 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1347 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1348 employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1349 domestic relations division. 1350

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1351 1352 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1353 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1354 shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1355 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1356 annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1357 services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1358 or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1359 division, who request the services. 1360

(Q) In Clermont county, the judge of the court of common 1361 pleas, whose term begins January 2, 1987, and successors, shall 1362 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1363 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1364 judges of the court of common pleas of Clermont county and shall 1365 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1366 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1367 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1368 annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1369 for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1370 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1371 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1372 employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1373

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation, 1375 expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of 1376 the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The 1377 duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties, 1378 shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of 1379 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1380 annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1381 services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1382 or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1383 division, who request the services. 1384

(R) In Warren county, the judge of the court of common 1385 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1987, and successors, shall 1386 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1387 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1388 judges of the court of common pleas of Warren county and shall 1389 be elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1390 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1391 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1392 annulment cases coming before the court, except in cases that 1393 for some special reason are assigned to some other judge of the 1394 court of common pleas. The judge shall be charged with the 1395 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1396 employment and supervision of all other personnel of the 1397 domestic relations division. 1398

The judge also shall designate the title, compensation,1399expense allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of1400the personnel of the division and shall fix their duties. The1401duties of the personnel, in addition to other statutory duties,1402shall include the handling, servicing, and investigation of1403

divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1404 annulment cases and providing any counseling and conciliation 1405 services that the division makes available to persons, whether 1406 or not the persons are parties to an action pending in the 1407 division, who request the services. 1408

(S) In Licking county, the judges of the court of common 1409 pleas, whose terms begin on January 1, 1991, and January 1, 1410 2005, and successors, shall have the same qualifications, 1411 exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same 1412 compensation as the other judges of the court of common pleas of 1413 Licking county and shall be elected and designated as judges of 1414 the court of common pleas, division of domestic relations. The 1415 judges shall be assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1416 legal separation, and annulment cases, all cases arising under 1417 Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, all proceedings involving 1418 child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1419 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1420 for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1421 parenting time, and visitation, and all post-decree proceedings 1422 and matters arising from those cases and proceedings, except in 1423 cases that for some special reason are assigned to another judge 1424 of the court of common pleas. The administrative judge of the 1425 division of domestic relations shall be charged with the 1426 assignment and division of the work of the division and with the 1427 employment and supervision of the personnel of the division. 1428

The administrative judge of the division of domestic1429relations shall designate the title, compensation, expense1430allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the1431personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the1432personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the1433division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include1434

the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1435 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1436 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1437 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1438 rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1439 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1440 custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1441 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1442 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1443 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1444

(T) In Allen county, the judge of the court of common 1445 pleas, whose term begins January 1, 1993, and successors, shall 1446 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1447 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1448 judges of the court of common pleas of Allen county and shall be 1449 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1450 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1451 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1452 annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1453 Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1454 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1455 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1456 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1457 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1458 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1459 reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1460 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1461 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1462 supervision of the personnel of the division. 1463

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1464 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1465

personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1466 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1467 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1468 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1469 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1470 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1471 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1472 rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1473 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1474 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1475 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1476 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1477 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1478

(U) In Medina county, the judge of the court of common 1479 pleas whose term begins January 1, 1995, and successors, shall 1480 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1481 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges 1482 of the court of common pleas of Medina county and shall be 1483 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1484 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1485 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1486 annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1487 Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1488 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1489 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1490 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1491 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1492 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1493 reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1494 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1495 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1496

supervision of the personnel of the division.

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1498 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1499 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1500 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1501 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1502 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1503 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1504 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1505 involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1506 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1507 for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1508 parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1509 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1510 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1511 pending in the division, who request the services. 1512

(V) In Fairfield county, the judge of the court of common 1513 pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall 1514 have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1515 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1516 judges of the court of common pleas of Fairfield county and 1517 shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of common 1518 pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1519 assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1520 and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1521 the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1522 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1523 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1524 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1525 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1526 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1527

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reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1528 pleas. The judge also has concurrent jurisdiction with the 1529 probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1530 Fairfield county with respect to and may hear cases to determine 1531 the custody of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1532 Revised Code, who is not the ward of another court of this 1533 state, cases that are commenced by a parent, quardian, or 1534 custodian of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the 1535 Revised Code, to obtain an order requiring a parent of the child 1536 to pay child support for that child when the request for that 1537 order is not ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of 1538 marriage, annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil 1539 action involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action 1540 for support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an 1541 action that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1542 probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1543 Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1544 is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, and post-decree 1545 proceedings and matters arising from those types of cases. 1546

The judge of the domestic relations division shall be1547charged with the assignment and division of the work of the1548division and with the employment and supervision of the1549personnel of the division.1550

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1551 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1552 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1553 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1554 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1555 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1556 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1557 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1558

proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1559 rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1560 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1561 custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and providing any 1562 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1563 available to persons, regardless of whether the persons are 1564 parties to an action pending in the division, who request the 1565 services. When the judge hears a case to determine the custody 1566 of a child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, 1567 who is not the ward of another court of this state or a case 1568 that is commenced by a parent, guardian, or custodian of a 1569 child, as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code, to 1570 obtain an order requiring a parent of the child to pay child 1571 support for that child when the request for that order is not 1572 ancillary to an action for divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1573 annulment, or legal separation, a criminal or civil action 1574 involving an allegation of domestic violence, an action for 1575 support under Chapter 3115. of the Revised Code, or an action 1576 that is within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the 1577 probate-juvenile division of the court of common pleas of 1578 Fairfield county and that involves an allegation that the child 1579 is an abused, neglected, or dependent child, the duties of the 1580 personnel of the domestic relations division also include the 1581

(W) (1) In Clark county, the judge of the court of common
pleas whose term begins on January 2, 1995, and successors,
shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges
of the court of common pleas of Clark county and shall be
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elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas,
domestic relations division. The judge shall have all the powers

handling, servicing, and investigation of those types of cases.

relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. 1590 and 2152. of the Revised Code and all parentage proceedings 1591 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1592 court has jurisdiction shall be assigned to the judge of the 1593 division of domestic relations. All divorce, dissolution of 1594 marriage, legal separation, annulment, uniform reciprocal 1595 support enforcement, and other cases related to domestic 1596 relations shall be assigned to the domestic relations division, 1597 and the presiding judge of the court of common pleas shall 1598 assign the cases to the judge of the domestic relations division 1599 and the judges of the general division. 1600

(2) In addition to the judge's regular duties, the judge
of the division of domestic relations shall serve on the
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children services board and the county advisory board.
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(3) If the judge of the court of common pleas of Clark 1604 county, division of domestic relations, is sick, absent, or 1605 unable to perform that judge's judicial duties or if the 1606 presiding judge of the court of common pleas of Clark county 1607 determines that the volume of cases pending in the division of 1608 domestic relations necessitates it, the duties of the judge of 1609 the division of domestic relations shall be performed by the 1610 judges of the general division or probate division of the court 1611 of common pleas of Clark county, as assigned for that purpose by 1612 the presiding judge of that court, and the judges so assigned 1613 shall act in conjunction with the judge of the division of 1614 domestic relations of that court. 1615

(X) In Scioto county, the judge of the court of common
pleas whose term begins January 2, 1995, and successors, shall
have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and
jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as other judges
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of the court of common pleas of Scioto county and shall be 1620 elected and designated as judge of the court of common pleas, 1621 division of domestic relations. The judge shall be assigned all 1622 divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and 1623 annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1624 Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1625 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1626 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1627 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, visitation, and 1628 all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases 1629 and proceedings, except in cases that for some special reason 1630 are assigned to another judge of the court of common pleas. The 1631 judge shall be charged with the assignment and division of the 1632 work of the division and with the employment and supervision of 1633 the personnel of the division. 1634

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1635 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1636 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1637 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel, in 1638 addition to other statutory duties, include the handling, 1639 servicing, and investigation of divorce, dissolution of 1640 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, cases arising 1641 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and proceedings 1642 involving child support, the allocation of parental rights and 1643 responsibilities for the care of children and the designation 1644 for the children of a place of residence and legal custodian, 1645 parenting time, and visitation, and providing counseling and 1646 conciliation services that the division makes available to 1647 persons, whether or not the persons are parties to an action 1648 pending in the division, who request the services. 1649

(Y) In Auglaize county, the judge of the probate and 1650

juvenile divisions of the Auglaize county court of common pleas 1651 also shall be the administrative judge of the domestic relations 1652 division of the court and shall be assigned all divorce, 1653 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases 1654 coming before the court. The judge shall have all powers as 1655 administrator of the domestic relations division and shall have 1656 charge of the personnel engaged in handling, servicing, or 1657 investigating divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1658 separation, and annulment cases, including any referees 1659 considered necessary for the discharge of the judge's various 1660 duties. 1661

(Z) (1) In Marion county, the judge of the court of common 1662 pleas whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors 1663 to that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1664 same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1665 as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Marion 1666 county and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court 1667 of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-probate division. 1668 Except as otherwise specified in this division, that judge, and 1669 the successors to that judge, shall have all the powers relating 1670 to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. 1671 of the Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1672 the Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1673 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1674 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1675 for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1676 a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1677 visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1678 from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1679 and the successors to that judge. Except as provided in division 1680 (Z) (2) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision 1681

of any section of the Revised Code, on and after February 9, 1682 2003, the judge of the court of common pleas of Marion county 1683 whose term begins on February 9, 1999, and the successors to 1684 that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1685 division of the court of common pleas of Marion county in 1686 addition to the powers previously specified in this division, 1687 and shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1688 probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1689 the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1690 Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1691 addition to the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-1692 probate division of that court otherwise specified in division 1693 (Z)(1) of this section. 1694

(2) The judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1695 division of the court of common pleas of Marion county or the 1696 judge of the probate division of the court of common pleas of 1697 Marion county, whichever of those judges is senior in total 1698 length of service on the court of common pleas of Marion county, 1699 regardless of the division or divisions of service, shall serve 1700 as the clerk of the probate division of the court of common 1701 pleas of Marion county. 1702

(3) On and after February 9, 2003, all references in law 1703 to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1704 court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, 1705 with respect to Marion county, as being references to both "the 1706 probate division" and "the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1707 division" and as being references to both "the judge of the 1708 probate division" and "the judge of the domestic relations-1709 juvenile-probate division." On and after February 9, 2003, all 1710 references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be 1711 construed, with respect to Marion county, as being references to 1712

the judge who is serving pursuant to division (Z)(2) of this1713section as the clerk of the probate division of the court of1714common pleas of Marion county.1715

(AA) In Muskingum county, the judge of the court of common 1716 pleas whose term begins on January 2, 2003, and successors, 1717 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1718 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1719 judges of the court of common pleas of Muskingum county and 1720 shall be elected and designated as the judge of the court of 1721 common pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall be 1722 assigned all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal separation, 1723 and annulment cases, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of 1724 the Revised Code, all proceedings involving child support, the 1725 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1726 of children and the designation for the children of a place of 1727 residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, 1728 and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising from those 1729 cases and proceedings, except in cases that for some special 1730 reason are assigned to another judge of the court of common 1731 pleas. The judge shall be charged with the assignment and 1732 division of the work of the division and with the employment and 1733 supervision of the personnel of the division. 1734

The judge shall designate the title, compensation, expense 1735 allowances, hours, leaves of absence, and vacations of the 1736 personnel of the division and shall fix the duties of the 1737 personnel of the division. The duties of the personnel of the 1738 division, in addition to other statutory duties, shall include 1739 the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, 1740 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1741 cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code, and 1742 proceedings involving child support, the allocation of parental 1743

rights and responsibilities for the care of children and the 1744 designation for the children of a place of residence and legal 1745 custodian, parenting time, and visitation and providing any 1746 counseling and conciliation services that the division makes 1747 available to persons, whether or not the persons are parties to 1748 an action pending in the division, who request the services. 1749

(BB) In Henry county, the judge of the court of common 1750 pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2005, and successors, 1751 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1752 1753 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of common pleas of Henry county and shall be 1754 elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1755 pleas, division of domestic relations. The judge shall have all 1756 of the powers relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under 1757 Chapter 2151. or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage 1758 proceedings arising under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over 1759 which the juvenile court has jurisdiction, all divorce, 1760 dissolution of marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, 1761 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1762 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1763 and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1764 legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-1765 decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1766 proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1767 that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1768 the court of common pleas. 1769

(CC)(1) In Logan county, the judge of the court of common 1770
pleas whose term begins January 2, 2005, and the successors to 1771
that judge, shall have the same qualifications, exercise the 1772
same powers and jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation 1773
as the other judges of the court of common pleas of Logan county 1774

and shall be elected and designated as judge of the court of 1775 common pleas, family court division. Except as otherwise 1776 specified in this division, that judge, and the successors to 1777 that judge, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1778 courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1779 Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1780 Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1781 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1782 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1783 for the care of children and designation for the children of a 1784 place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1785 visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1786 from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to that judge 1787 and the successors to that judge. Notwithstanding any other 1788 provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1789 January 2, 2005, the judge of the court of common pleas of Logan 1790 county whose term begins on January 2, 2005, and the successors 1791 to that judge, shall have all the powers relating to the probate 1792 division of the court of common pleas of Logan county in 1793 addition to the powers previously specified in this division and 1794 shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction with the judge of the 1795 probate division of that court over all matters that are within 1796 the jurisdiction of the probate division of that court under 1797 Chapter 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in 1798 addition to the jurisdiction of the family court division of 1799 that court otherwise specified in division (CC)(1) of this 1800 section. 1801

(2) The judge of the family court division of the court of
common pleas of Logan county or the probate judge of the court
of common pleas of Logan county who is elected as the
administrative judge of the family court division of the court
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of common pleas of Logan county pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules1806of Superintendence shall be the clerk of the family court1807division of the court of common pleas of Logan county.1808

(3) On and after April 5, 2019, all references in law to 1809 "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile court," 1810 or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed, with 1811 respect to Logan county, as being references to both "the 1812 probate division" and the "family court division" and as being 1813 references to both "the judge of the probate division" and the 1814 "judge of the family court division." On and after April 5, 1815 2019, all references in law to "the clerk of the probate court" 1816 shall be construed, with respect to Logan county, as being 1817 references to the judge who is serving pursuant to division (CC) 1818 (2) of this section as the clerk of the family court division of 1819 the court of common pleas of Logan county. 1820

(DD) (1) In Champaign county, the judge of the court of 1821 common pleas whose term begins February 9, 2003, and the judge 1822 of the court of common pleas whose term begins February 10, 1823 2009, and the successors to those judges, shall have the same 1824 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1825 receive the same compensation as the other judges of the court 1826 of common pleas of Champaign county and shall be elected and 1827 designated as judges of the court of common pleas, domestic 1828 relations-juvenile-probate division. Except as otherwise 1829 specified in this division, those judges, and the successors to 1830 those judges, shall have all the powers relating to juvenile 1831 courts, and all cases under Chapters 2151. and 2152. of the 1832 Revised Code, all cases arising under Chapter 3111. of the 1833 Revised Code, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal 1834 separation, and annulment cases, all proceedings involving child 1835 support, the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities 1836

for the care of children and the designation for the children of 1837 a place of residence and legal custodian, parenting time, and 1838 visitation, and all post-decree proceedings and matters arising 1839 from those cases and proceedings shall be assigned to those 1840 judges and the successors to those judges. Notwithstanding any 1841 other provision of any section of the Revised Code, on and after 1842 1843 February 9, 2009, the judges designated by this division as judges of the court of common pleas of Champaign county, 1844 domestic relations-juvenile-probate division, and the successors 1845 to those judges, shall have all the powers relating to probate 1846 courts in addition to the powers previously specified in this 1847 division and shall exercise jurisdiction over all matters that 1848 are within the jurisdiction of probate courts under Chapter 1849 2101., and other provisions, of the Revised Code in addition to 1850 the jurisdiction of the domestic relations-juvenile-probate 1851 division otherwise specified in division (DD)(1) of this 1852 section. 1853

(2) On and after February 9, 2009, all references in law 1854 to "the probate court," "the probate judge," "the juvenile 1855 court," or "the judge of the juvenile court" shall be construed 1856 with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1857 "domestic relations-juvenile-probate division" and as being 1858 references to the "judge of the domestic relations-juvenile-1859 probate division." On and after February 9, 2009, all references 1860 in law to "the clerk of the probate court" shall be construed 1861 with respect to Champaign county as being references to the 1862 judge who is serving pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules of 1863 Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio as the administrative 1864 judge of the court of common pleas, domestic relations-juvenile-1865 probate division. 1866

(EE) In Delaware county, the judge of the court of common 1867

pleas whose term begins on January 1, 2017, and successors, 1868 shall have the same qualifications, exercise the same powers and 1869 jurisdiction, and receive the same compensation as the other 1870 judges of the court of common pleas of Delaware county and shall 1871 be elected and designated as the judge of the court of common 1872 pleas, division of domestic relations. Divorce, dissolution of 1873 marriage, legal separation, and annulment cases, including any 1874 post-decree proceedings, and cases involving questions of 1875 paternity, custody, visitation, child support, and the 1876 allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care 1877 of children, regardless of whether those matters arise in post-1878 decree proceedings or involve children born between unmarried 1879 persons, shall be assigned to that judge, except cases that for 1880 some special reason are assigned to another judge of the court 1881 of common pleas. 1882

(FF) <u>In Hardin county:</u>

(1) The judge of the court of common pleas whose term 1884 begins on January 1, 2023, and successors, shall have the same 1885 qualifications, exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, and 1886 receive the same compensation as the other judge of the court of 1887 common pleas of Hardin county and shall be elected and 1888 designated as the judge of the court of common pleas, division 1889 of domestic relations. The judge shall have all of the powers 1890 relating to juvenile courts, and all cases under Chapter 2151. 1891 or 2152. of the Revised Code, all parentage proceedings arising 1892 under Chapter 3111. of the Revised Code over which the juvenile 1893 court has jurisdiction, all divorce, dissolution of marriage, 1894 legal separation, and annulment cases, civil protection orders 1895 issued under sections 2903.214 and 3113.31 of the Revised Code, 1896 all proceedings involving child support, the allocation of 1897 parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children 1898

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and the designation for the children of a place of residence and 1899 legal custodian, parenting time, and visitation, and all post-1900 decree proceedings and matters arising from those cases and 1901 proceedings shall be assigned to that judge, except in cases 1902 that for some special reason are assigned to the other judge of 1903 the court of common pleas. 1904 (2) The judge of the court of common pleas, general 1905 division, whose term begins on February 9, 2027, and successors, 1906 shall have assigned to the judge, in addition to all matters 1907 that are within the jurisdiction of the general division of the 1908 court of common pleas, all matters that are within the 1909 jurisdiction of the probate court under Chapter 2101., and other 1910 provisions, of the Revised Code. 1911 (GG) If a judge of the court of common pleas, division of 1912 domestic relations, or juvenile judge, of any of the counties 1913 mentioned in this section is sick, absent, or unable to perform 1914 that judge's judicial duties or the volume of cases pending in 1915 the judge's division necessitates it, the duties of that judge 1916 shall be performed by another judge of the court of common pleas 1917 of that county, assigned for that purpose by the presiding judge 1918 of the court of common pleas of that county to act in place of 1919 or in conjunction with that judge, as the case may require. 1920 Section 2. That existing sections 1901.123, 1907.143, 1921 2151.07, 2301.02, and 2301.03 of the Revised Code are hereby 1922 repealed. 1923