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**A BILL**

To amend section 1901.08 of the Revised Code to 1  
change the status of the judge of the Lebanon 2  
Municipal Court from part-time to full-time. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 1901.08 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 1901.08.** The number of, and the time for election of, 6  
judges of the following municipal courts and the beginning of 7  
their terms shall be as follows: 8

In the Akron municipal court, two full-time judges shall 9  
be elected in 1951, two full-time judges shall be elected in 10  
1953, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967, and one 11  
full-time judge shall be elected in 1975. 12

In the Alliance municipal court, one full-time judge shall 13  
be elected in 1953. 14

In the Ashland municipal court, one full-time judge shall 15  
be elected in 1951. 16

In the Ashtabula municipal court, one full-time judge 17  
shall be elected in 1953. 18

In the Athens county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	19 20
In the Auglaize county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975.	21 22
In the Avon Lake municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017. On and after September 15, 2014, the part-time judge of the Avon Lake municipal court who was elected in 2011 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2017.	23 24 25 26 27
In the Barberton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	28 29 30
In the Bedford municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	31 32 33
In the Bellefontaine municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1993.	34 35
In the Bellevue municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	36 37
In the Berea municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005.	38 39
In the Bowling Green municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983.	40 41
In the Brown county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning February 9, 2003, the part-time judge of the Brown county county court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 2, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Brown county municipal court	42 43 44 45 46

until December 31, 2005.	47
In the Bryan municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	48 49
In the Cambridge municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	50 51
In the Campbell municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	52 53
In the Canton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969, and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1977.	54 55 56
In the Carroll county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2009. Beginning January 1, 2007, the judge elected in 2006 to the part-time judgeship of the Carroll county county court that existed prior to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Carroll county municipal court until December 31, 2009.	57 58 59 60 61 62
In the Celina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	63 64
In the Champaign county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2001.	65 66
In the Chardon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	67 68
In the Chillicothe municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1977.	69 70 71
In the Circleville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	72 73

In the Clark county municipal court, one full-time judge 74  
shall be elected in 1989, and two full-time judges shall be 75  
elected in 1991. The full-time judges of the Springfield 76  
municipal court who were elected in 1983 and 1985 shall serve as 77  
the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 78  
1988, until the end of their respective terms. 79

In the Clermont county municipal court, two full-time 80  
judges shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge shall 81  
be elected in 1999. 82

In the Cleveland municipal court, six full-time judges 83  
shall be elected in 1975, three full-time judges shall be 84  
elected in 1953, and four full-time judges shall be elected in 85  
1955. 86

In the Cleveland Heights municipal court, one full-time 87  
judge shall be elected in 1957. 88

In the Clinton county municipal court, one full-time judge 89  
shall be elected in 1997. The full-time judge of the Wilmington 90  
municipal court who was elected in 1991 shall serve as the judge 91  
of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, until 92  
the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 93

In the Columbiana county municipal court, two full-time 94  
judges shall be elected in 2001. 95

In the Conneaut municipal court, one full-time judge shall 96  
be elected in 1953. 97

In the Coshocton municipal court, one full-time judge 98  
shall be elected in 1951. 99

In the Crawford county municipal court, one full-time 100  
judge shall be elected in 1977. 101

In the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967. Effective December 31, 2008, the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court shall cease to exist; however, the judges of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court who were elected pursuant to this section in 2003 and 2007 for terms beginning on January 1, 2004, and January 1, 2008, respectively, shall serve as full-time judges of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2013, respectively.

In the Darke county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the part-time judge of the Darke county county court that existed prior to that date whose term began on January 1, 2001, shall serve as the full-time judge of the Darke county municipal court until December 31, 2005.

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

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

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

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

In the Eaton municipal court, one full-time judge shall be

elected in 1973.	131
In the Elyria municipal court, one full-time judge shall	132
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	133
1973.	134
In the Erie county municipal court, one full-time judge	135
shall be elected in 2007.	136
In the Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge shall	137
be elected in 1951.	138
In the Fairborn municipal court, one full-time judge shall	139
be elected in 1977, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	140
2023.	141
In the Fairfield county municipal court, one full-time	142
judge shall be elected in 2003, and one full-time judge shall be	143
elected in 2005.	144
In the Fairfield municipal court, one full-time judge	145
shall be elected in 1989.	146
In the Findlay municipal court, one full-time judge shall	147
be elected in 1955, and one full-time judge shall be elected in	148
1993.	149
In the Franklin municipal court, one part-time judge shall	150
be elected in 1951.	151
In the Franklin county municipal court, two full-time	152
judges shall be elected in 1969, three full-time judges shall be	153
elected in 1971, seven full-time judges shall be elected in	154
1967, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, one full-	155
time judge shall be elected in 1991, and one full-time judge	156
shall be elected in 1997.	157

In the Fremont municipal court, one full-time judge shall	158
be elected in 1975.	159
In the Fulton county municipal court to be established on	160
January 1, 2024, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2023.	161
In the Gallipolis municipal court, one full-time judge	162
shall be elected in 1981.	163
In the Garfield Heights municipal court, one full-time	164
judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be	165
elected in 1981.	166
In the Girard municipal court, one full-time judge shall	167
be elected in 1963.	168
In the Hamilton municipal court, one full-time judge shall	169
be elected in 1953.	170
In the Hamilton county municipal court, five full-time	171
judges shall be elected in 1967, five full-time judges shall be	172
elected in 1971, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1981,	173
and two full-time judges shall be elected in 1983. All terms of	174
judges of the Hamilton county municipal court shall commence on	175
the first day of January next after their election, except that	176
the terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1981 shall	177
commence on January 2, 1982, and January 3, 1982, and that the	178
terms of the additional judges to be elected in 1983 shall	179
commence on January 4, 1984, and January 5, 1984.	180
In the Hardin county municipal court, one part-time judge	181
shall be elected in 1989.	182
In the Hillsboro municipal court, one full-time judge	183
shall be elected in 2011. On and after December 30, 2008, the	184
part-time judge of the Hillsboro municipal court who was elected	185

in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 186  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011. 187

In the Hocking county municipal court, one full-time judge 188  
shall be elected in 1977. 189

In the Holmes county municipal court, one full-time judge 190  
shall be elected in 2007. Beginning January 1, 2007, the part- 191  
time judge of the Holmes county county court that existed prior 192  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 193  
serve as the full-time judge of the Holmes county municipal 194  
court until December 31, 2007. 195

In the Huron municipal court, one part-time judge shall be 196  
elected in 1967. 197

In the Ironton municipal court, one full-time judge shall 198  
be elected in 1951. 199

In the Jackson county municipal court, one full-time judge 200  
shall be elected in 2001. On and after March 31, 1997, the part- 201  
time judge of the Jackson county municipal court who was elected 202  
in 1995 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the 203  
end of that judge's term on December 31, 2001. 204

In the Kettering municipal court, one full-time judge 205  
shall be elected in 1971, and one full-time judge shall be 206  
elected in 1975. 207

In the Lakewood municipal court, one full-time judge shall 208  
be elected in 1955. 209

In the Lancaster municipal court, one full-time judge 210  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 211  
elected in 1979. Beginning January 2, 2000, the full-time judges 212  
of the Lancaster municipal court who were elected in 1997 and 213



1999 shall serve as judges of the Fairfield county municipal court until the end of those judges' terms.	214 215
In the Lawrence county municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	216 217
In the Lebanon municipal court, one <del>part-time</del> <u>full-time</u> judge shall be elected in <del>1955</del> <u>2027</u> . <u>On and after the effective date of this amendment, the part-time judge of the Lebanon municipal court who was elected in 2021 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2027.</u>	218 219 220 221 222 223
In the Licking county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	224 225 226
In the Lima municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967.	227 228 229
In the Lorain municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	230 231 232
In the Lyndhurst municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	233 234
In the Madison county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1981.	235 236
In the Mansfield municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1969.	237 238 239
In the Marietta municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	240 241

In the Marion municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	242 243
In the Marysville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2011. On and after January 18, 2007, the part-time judge of the Marysville municipal court who was elected in 2005 shall serve as a full-time judge of the court until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 2011.	244 245 246 247 248
In the Mason municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1965.	249 250
In the Massillon municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	251 252 253
In the Maumee municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	254 255
In the Medina municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1957.	256 257
In the Mentor municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	258 259
In the Miami county municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1979.	260 261 262
In the Miamisburg municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1951.	263 264
In the Middletown municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	265 266
In the Montgomery county municipal court:	267
One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a part-time	268

judgeship for a term to begin on January 1, 2012. If any one of 269  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 270  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 271  
full-time judgeship on that date. If only one other judgeship of 272  
the court becomes vacant and is abolished as of December 31, 273  
2021, this judgeship shall be abolished as of that date. 274  
Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery 275  
county county court that existed before that date whose term 276  
commenced on January 1, 2005, shall serve as a part-time judge 277  
of the Montgomery county municipal court until December 31, 278  
2011. 279

One judge shall be elected in 2011 to a full-time 280  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2012, and this 281  
judgeship shall be abolished on January 1, 2016. Beginning July 282  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 283  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 284  
January 2, 2005, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 285  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2012. 286

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a full-time 287  
judgeship for a term to begin on January 2, 2014. Beginning July 288  
1, 2010, the part-time judge of the Montgomery county county 289  
court that existed before that date whose term commenced on 290  
January 2, 2007, shall serve as a full-time judge of the 291  
Montgomery county municipal court until January 1, 2014. 292

One judge shall be elected in 2013 to a judgeship for a 293  
term to begin on January 1, 2014. If no other judgeship of the 294  
court becomes vacant and is abolished by January 1, 2014, this 295  
judgeship shall be a part-time judgeship. When one or more of 296  
the other judgeships of the court becomes vacant and is 297  
abolished after July 1, 2010, this judgeship shall become a 298

full-time judgeship. Beginning July 1, 2010, the part-time judge 299  
of the Montgomery county county court that existed before that 300  
date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall serve as 301  
this judge of the Montgomery county municipal court until 302  
December 31, 2013. 303

If any one of the judgeships of the court becomes vacant 304  
before December 31, 2021, that judgeship is abolished on the 305  
date that it becomes vacant, and the other judges of the court 306  
shall be or serve as full-time judges. The abolishment of 307  
judgeships for the Montgomery county municipal court shall cease 308  
when the court has two full-time judgeships. 309

In the Morrow county municipal court, one full-time judge 310  
shall be elected in 2005. Beginning January 1, 2003, the part- 311  
time judge of the Morrow county county court that existed prior 312  
to that date shall serve as the full-time judge of the Morrow 313  
county municipal court until December 31, 2005. 314

In the Mount Vernon municipal court, one full-time judge 315  
shall be elected in 1951. 316

In the Napoleon municipal court, one full-time judge shall 317  
be elected in 2005. 318

In the New Philadelphia municipal court, one full-time 319  
judge shall be elected in 1975. 320

In the Newton Falls municipal court, one full-time judge 321  
shall be elected in 1963. 322

In the Niles municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 323  
elected in 1951. 324

In the Norwalk municipal court, one full-time judge shall 325  
be elected in 1975. 326

In the Oakwood municipal court, one part-time judge shall	327
be elected in 1953.	328
In the Oberlin municipal court, one full-time judge shall	329
be elected in 1989.	330
In the Oregon municipal court, one full-time judge shall	331
be elected in 1963.	332
In the Ottawa county municipal court, one full-time judge	333
shall be elected in 1995, and the full-time judge of the Port	334
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as	335
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4,	336
1994, until the end of that judge's term.	337
In the Painesville municipal court, one full-time judge	338
shall be elected in 1951.	339
In the Parma municipal court, one full-time judge shall be	340
elected in 1951, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1967,	341
and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1971.	342
In the Paulding county municipal court to be established	343
on January 1, 2020, one full-time judge shall be elected in	344
2019.	345
In the Perry county municipal court to be established on	346
January 1, 2018, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2017.	347
In the Perrysburg municipal court, one full-time judge	348
shall be elected in 1977.	349
In the Portage county municipal court, two full-time	350
judges shall be elected in 1979, and one full-time judge shall	351
be elected in 1971.	352
In the Port Clinton municipal court, one full-time judge	353

shall be elected in 1953. The full-time judge of the Port 354  
Clinton municipal court who is elected in 1989 shall serve as 355  
the judge of the Ottawa county municipal court from February 4, 356  
1994, until the end of that judge's term. 357

In the Portsmouth municipal court, one full-time judge 358  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 359  
elected in 1985. 360

In the Putnam county municipal court, one full-time judge 361  
shall be elected in 2011. Beginning January 1, 2011, the part- 362  
time judge of the Putnam county county court that existed prior 363  
to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2007, shall 364  
serve as the full-time judge of the Putnam county municipal 365  
court until December 31, 2011. 366

In the Rocky River municipal court, one full-time judge 367  
shall be elected in 1957, and one full-time judge shall be 368  
elected in 1971. 369

In the Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge shall 370  
be elected in 1953. 371

In the Shaker Heights municipal court, one full-time judge 372  
shall be elected in 1957. 373

In the Shelby municipal court, one part-time judge shall 374  
be elected in 1957. 375

In the Sidney municipal court, one full-time judge shall 376  
be elected in 1995. 377

In the South Euclid municipal court, one full-time judge 378  
shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected in 1993, 379  
whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve until 380  
December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is abolished on 381

January 1, 2000.	382
In the Springfield municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1985, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1983, all of whom shall serve as the judges of the Springfield municipal court through December 31, 1987, and as the judges of the Clark county municipal court from January 1, 1988, until the end of their respective terms.	383 384 385 386 387 388
In the Steubenville municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1953.	389 390
In the Stow municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2009, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2008, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2013. Beginning January 1, 2009, the judge of the Cuyahoga Falls municipal court that existed prior to that date whose term commenced on January 1, 2004, shall serve as a full-time judge of the Stow municipal court until December 31, 2009.	391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400
In the Struthers municipal court, one part-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	401 402
In the Sylvania municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 1963.	403 404
In the Tiffin-Fostoria municipal court, one full-time judge shall be elected in 2013.	405 406
In the Toledo municipal court, two full-time judges shall be elected in 1971, four full-time judges shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 1973.	407 408 409

In the Upper Sandusky municipal court, one full-time judge 410  
shall be elected in 2011. The part-time judge elected in 2005, 411  
whose term commenced on January 1, 2006, shall serve as a full- 412  
time judge on and after January 1, 2008, until the expiration of 413  
that judge's term on December 31, 2011, and the office of that 414  
judge is abolished on January 1, 2012. 415

In the Vandalia municipal court, one full-time judge shall 416  
be elected in 1959. 417

In the Van Wert municipal court, one full-time judge shall 418  
be elected in 1957. 419

In the Vermilion municipal court, one part-time judge 420  
shall be elected in 1965. 421

In the Wadsworth municipal court, one full-time judge 422  
shall be elected in 1981. 423

In the Warren municipal court, one full-time judge shall 424  
be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be elected in 425  
1971. 426

In the Washington Court House municipal court, one full- 427  
time judge shall be elected in 1999. The part-time judge elected 428  
in 1993, whose term commenced on January 1, 1994, shall serve 429  
until December 31, 1999, and the office of that judge is 430  
abolished on January 1, 2000. 431

In the Wayne county municipal court, one full-time judge 432  
shall be elected in 1975, and one full-time judge shall be 433  
elected in 1979. 434

In the Willoughby municipal court, one full-time judge 435  
shall be elected in 1951. 436

In the Wilmington municipal court, one full-time judge 437



shall be elected in 1991, who shall serve as the judge of the 438  
Wilmington municipal court through June 30, 1992, and as the 439  
judge of the Clinton county municipal court from July 1, 1992, 440  
until the end of that judge's term on December 31, 1997. 441

In the Xenia municipal court, one full-time judge shall be 442  
elected in 1977. 443

In the Youngstown municipal court, one full-time judge 444  
shall be elected in 1951, and one full-time judge shall be 445  
elected in 2013. 446

In the Zanesville municipal court, one full-time judge 447  
shall be elected in 1953. 448

**Section 2.** That existing section 1901.08 of the Revised 449  
Code is hereby repealed. 450

**Section 3.** On and after the effective date of this 451  
section, the full-time judge of the Lebanon Municipal Court, who 452  
prior to the effective date of this section was the part-time 453  
judge of that court, shall perform the duties of a full-time 454  
judge of a municipal court and is subject to any restriction 455  
specified in law for a full-time judge of a municipal court. 456