

good behavior. In case of inability of any of said Judges to discharge their duties with efficiency by reason of continued sickness or of physical or mental infirmity, it shall be in the power of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each house concurring, with the approval of the Governor, to retire said Judge from office.

Sec. 4. Any Judge shall be removed from office by the Governor on conviction in a Court of Law, of incompetency, of willful neglect of duty, misbehavior in office, or any other crime, or on impeachment according to this Constitution or the laws of the State; or on the address of the General Assembly, two thirds of each House concurring in such address, and the accused having been notified of the charges against him, and having had opportunity of making his defence.

Sec. 5. After the election for Judges to be held as above mentioned, in case of the death, resignation, removal, or other disqualification of any Judge, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office, who shall hold the same until the next general election for members of the General Assembly, when a successor shall be elected whose tenure of office shall be during good behavior.

Sec. 6. All Judges shall, by virtue of their offices, be conservators of the peace throughout the State, and no fees or perquisites, commission or reward of any kind shall be allowed to any Judge in this State, besides his annual salary, for the discharge of any judicial duty.

Sec. 7. No Judge shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or where either of the parties may be connected with him by affinity or consanguinity within such degrees as now are, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law, or where he shall have been of counsel in the case.

Sec. 8. The parties to any cause may submit the same to the court for determination without the aid of a jury; and the Judge or Judges of any Court of this State, except the Court of Appeals, shall order and direct the record of proceedings in any suit or action, issue or petition, presentment or indictment pending in such Court, to be transmitted to some other Court having jurisdiction in such cases, whenever any party to such cause, or the counsel of any party, shall make it satisfactorily appear to the Court, by affidavit or other proper evidence, that the party cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the Court in which suit or action, issue or petition, presentment or indictment is pending; and the General Assembly shall make such modifications of existing law as may be necessary to regulate and give force to this provision.