

causing the vacancy. No member of the Commission shall receive any compensation for his services as such but shall be allowed any expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties as such member.

(b) The concurrence of a majority of the appointed members shall be sufficient for the validity of any act of the Commission. The Commission shall select one of its members to serve as Chairman.

¹ SEC. 4B. (a) A judge of the Court of Appeals, of the Circuit Courts for the Counties, of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, of the Orphans' Courts and all other judges elected or subject to election, and those appointed if the full term of the particular office is for not less than four years, (including a judge holding office on the date of adoption of this Amendment) may, in accordance with the procedure described in this section, be removed for misconduct in office, persistent failure to perform the duties of his office or conduct which shall prejudice the proper administration of justice, or may be retired for disability seriously interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, of a permanent character. The Commission may, after such investigation as it deems necessary, order a hearing to be held before it concerning the removal or retirement of a judge. If, after hearing, the Commission finds good cause therefor as aforesaid, it shall recommend to the General Assembly the removal or retirement, as the case may be, of the judge.

(b) The General Assembly shall review the record of the proceedings on the law and facts and in its discretion may permit the introduction of additional evidence and by a joint resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of the members elected in each House thereof, shall order the removal or retirement, as it finds just and proper, or wholly reject the recommendation. Upon an order for retirement, the judge shall thereby be retired with the rights and privileges provided by law. Upon an order of removal, the judge shall thereby be removed from office, his salary shall cease from the date of such order, and neither he nor his widow, upon his death, shall receive any benefits, pension, or retirement allowance accruing from judicial service.

(c) All papers filed with and proceedings before the Commission on Judicial Disabilities, pursuant to this section shall be confidential, and the filing of papers with and the giving of testimony before the Commission shall be priv-

¹ Added by Chapter 773, Acts of 1965, ratified November 8, 1966.