

against whom charges have been preferred, the nature of the charges and the date set for hearing these charges, which shall not be less than sixty days after the giving of such notice. Immediately upon receipt of such notice, the legislature shall be deemed to be in session for the purpose of this proceeding. If any member of the legislature prefers the same charges against the judge or justice concerned within thirty days after receipt of such notice and if such charges are entertained by a majority vote of the assembly, proceedings before the court on the judiciary shall be stayed pending the determination of the legislature which shall be exclusive and final. But a proceeding by the court on the judiciary for the retirement of a judge or justice for mental or physical disability preventing the proper performance of his judicial duties shall not be stayed.

f. The court on the judiciary shall have power to designate the attorney for the commission on judicial conduct to act as counsel to conduct the proceeding, to summon witnesses to appear and testify under oath and to compel the production of books, papers, documents and records before such counsel in advance of the trial and before the court upon the trial, to grant immunity from prosecution or punishment, as may be provided by law when the court deems it necessary and proper in order to compel the giving of testimony under oath and the production of books, papers, documents and records, and to make its own rules and procedures for the investigation and trial.

g. The court on the judiciary shall have such further powers and duties as may be provided by law.

h. The judges or justices while exercising the powers of a court on the judiciary shall serve without additional compensation but the legislature shall provide moneys by appropriation to meet the expenses of the court.

i. A judge or justice may not exercise the powers of his office while charged with a felony or while a proceeding for his removal or retirement by the court on the judiciary is pending. A judge or justice may not exercise the powers of his office nor receive his judicial salary upon pleading guilty to or being found guilty of a felony pending review of the conviction by a court of appellate jurisdiction.

j. An appeal may be taken by either the commission on judicial conduct or the respondent to the court of appeals by permission of such court from a final determination of the court on the judiciary.

k. There shall be a commission on judicial conduct, the organization and procedure of which shall be as the legislature shall provide. The commission shall receive and investigate complaints of the public with respect to the qualifications, conduct, or fitness to perform or the performance of the official duties of any judge or justice of any court within the unified court system and may, on its own motion, initiate investigations with respect to the qualifications, conduct, or fitness to perform or the performance of the official duties of any such judge or justice. The commission may either recommend to the chief judge of the court of appeals the convening of the court on the judiciary, for stated reasons, to hear and determine charges against a judge or justice, or determine that a judge or justice be censured, suspended or retired, as provided by law. The commission shall transmit any determination of censure, suspension or retirement to the chief judge of the court of appeals who shall give written notice of such determination to the judge or justice involved. Such judge or justice may either accept the commission's determination or make written request to the chief judge, within thirty days after receipt of such notice, for the convening of the court on the judiciary to hear and determine the charges, in which event the court on the judiciary may impose whatever disciplinary measures it may determine, including removal. If such judge or justice

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