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and to any auxiliary justice of the peace whose record entitles him to promotion. However, the Governor-General, when he deems such course to be in the public interest, may appoint to the position any qualified person not included in the list and not an applicant for the place.

[2041-1.]

SECTION 243. *Auxiliary Justice — Qualifications and Duties.* — The auxiliary justice of the peace shall have the same qualifications and be subject to the same restrictions as the regular justice, and shall perform the duties of said office during any vacancy therein or in case of the absence of the regular justice from the municipality, or of his disability or disqualification, or in case of his death or resignation until the appointment and qualification of his successor, or in any cause whose immediate trial the regular justice shall certify to be specially urgent and which he is unable to try by reason of actual engagement in another trial.

[2041-7.]

In case there is no auxiliary justice of the peace to perform the duties of the regular justice in the cases above mentioned, the judge of the district shall designate the nearest justice of the peace of the province to act as justice of the peace in such municipality, town, or place, in which case the justice of the peace so designated shall have jurisdiction and shall receive seventy-five per centum of the sum of his salary and that of the justice of the peace whom he may substitute.

[2559.]

SECTION 244. *Court Room and Supplies.* — The municipalities and townships to which a justice of the peace pertains shall provide him with a room in the tribunal, or elsewhere in the center of population, suitable for holding court and shall supply the necessary furniture, lights, and janitor service therefor, and shall also provide him with such of the printed laws in force in the Philippine Islands as may be required for his official use. The similar expenses of maintaining the office of a justice of the peace appointed in unorganized territory shall be borne by the province.

Legal blanks and the dockets required by law, as well as the notarial seal to be used by the justice as *ex officio* notary public, shall be furnished by the Bureau of Justice.

[1627-28; Comp. 2244.]

SECTION 245. *Clerks of Certain Courts.* — The justice of the peace of Manila shall be allowed two clerks at the expense of said city. The justices of the