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The Secretary of Finance and Justice may from time to time modify his order assigning the judges to vacation duty as newly arising conditions or emergencies may require.

A judge assigned to vacation duty shall not ordinarily be required to hold court during such vacation; but the Secretary of Finance and Justice may, when in his judgment the emergency shall require, direct any judge assigned to vacation duty to hold during the vacation a special term of court in any district.

[867-1; 1153-1 (i).]

## ARTICLE IX

### *Removal and Suspension of Judges*

SECTION 195. *Proceedings for the Removal of Judge — Temporary Suspension.* — No judge or auxiliary judge of first instance shall be separated or removed from office by the Governor-General unless sufficient cause shall exist, in the judgment of the Supreme Court, involving serious misconduct or inefficiency, for the removal of said judge from office after the proper proceedings. The Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands is authorized, upon its own motion, or upon information of the Attorney-General of the Philippine Islands to conduct an inquiry into the official or personal conduct of any judge appointed under the provisions of this law, and to adopt such rules of procedure in that regard as it may deem proper; and, after such judge shall have been heard in his own defense, the Supreme Court may recommend his removal to the Governor-General, who, if he deems that the public interest will be subserved thereby, shall thereupon make the appropriate order for such removal.

[2347-8.]

The Governor-General, upon recommendation of the Supreme Court, may temporarily suspend a judge pending proceedings under this section. In case the judge suspended is acquitted of the cause or causes that gave rise to the investigation, the Governor-General shall order the payment to him of the salary, or part thereof, which he did not receive during his suspension, from any available funds for expenses of the judiciary.

The costs and expenses incident to such investigations shall be paid from the funds appropriated for contingent expenses of the judiciary, upon vouchers approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

[2347-9.]