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In Senate, January 8, 2025

### An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers

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Submitted by the Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA c. 2** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 2**

4 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

5 **§71. Term start date for judicial officers**

6 The term of appointment of a judicial officer appointed pursuant to the Constitution of  
7 Maine, Article V, Part First, Section 8 begins on the date that the judicial officer is sworn  
8 into office.

9 **§72. Inapplicability of Title 5, section 6 qualification requirements**

10 The provisions of Title 5, section 6 do not apply to judicial officers appointed pursuant  
11 to the Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part First, Section 8.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill clarifies that the term of appointment of a judicial officer appointed pursuant  
14 to the Constitution of Maine begins on the date of swearing in and that the qualification  
15 requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6 do not apply to such a judicial  
16 officer.