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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 20, L.D. 8, “An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6, as amended by PL 1991, c. 837, Pt. A, §7, is further amended to read:

**§6. Officials have 30 days to qualify**

All public officers, other than judicial officers, appointed or renewed in accordance with law shall, within 30 days after being commissioned, qualify to perform the duties of their office and the certificate of qualification must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State. Any officer who fails to qualify within 30 days and file a certificate of qualification in the office of the Secretary of State within 45 days must be suspended by the Secretary of State until the defect is corrected. During this suspension, the officer may be deemed to have forfeited the appointment and the office may be declared vacant by the appointing authority and a new appointment made.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes a conforming amendment to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6 to clarify that it does not apply to judicial officers.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**