

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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S.P. 20 - L.D. 8

An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers

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

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

CHAPTER 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§71. Term start date for judicial officers

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

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

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

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.