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*Testimony of Senator Anne Carney introducing*  
**LD 8, An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers**  
*before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary*  
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Representative Kuhn and esteemed members of the Committee on Judiciary, I am Anne Carney, proudly representing Senate District 29, which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and part of Scarborough. It is a pleasure to be with you today to introduce LD 8, "An Act Regarding the Term of Appointment of Judicial Officers."

Current law is not clear about the start date for new judges in the Maine courts. This bill simply clarifies the date on which the judicial seven-year term begins to avoid confusion regarding a judicial officer's term of appointment.

The Judicial Branch will follow me to present more specifics and I invite you to direct your questions to them.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to introduce this bill.

Anne Carney  
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