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*Testimony of Senator Anne Carney introducing*  
**LD 129, An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices**  
*before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government*  
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Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and esteemed members of the Committee on State and Local Government, I am Senator Anne Carney, proudly representing Senate District 29, which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, and part of Scarborough. It is a pleasure to introduce LD 129, "An Act to Amend the Law Governing Dedimus Justices."

This bill from the Office of the Secretary of State makes changes to the rules governing dedimus justices. It creates a 7-year term for dedimus justices who are appointed by the governor after this law takes effect. It also requires dedimus justices to provide written notice of changes in their name or contact information, and it outlines a process for dedimus justices to resign.

A representative from the Office of the Secretary of State 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  
State Senator, District 29