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In Senate, April 29, 2025

**An Act to Promote Transparency in the Criminal Justice System by
Requiring the Posting of Criminal Case Decisions**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRINGTON of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, HAGGAN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, SMITH of Palermo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA c. 313** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 313**

4 **PUBLIC POSTING OF CRIMINAL CASE DECISIONS**

5 **§2401. Public posting of criminal case decisions**

6 The Attorney General shall post to the publicly accessible website of the Office of the
7 Attorney General the final decision of a criminal case decided within the State within 60
8 days of the case's final disposition. A clerk of the District Court or a clerk of the Superior
9 Court shall post to that clerk's publicly accessible website the final decision of a criminal
10 case decided within that prosecutorial district within 60 days of the case's final disposition.
11 A clerk of the Unified Criminal Docket, as defined in section 1003, subsection 11, shall
12 post to the clerk's publicly accessible website the final decision of a criminal case decided
13 within the State within 60 days of the case's final disposition.

14 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the Attorney General to post to the publicly accessible website of the
17 Office of the Attorney General the final decision of a criminal case decided within the State
18 within 60 days of the case's final disposition. The bill requires the clerks of the District
19 Court and clerks of the Superior Court to post to those clerks' publicly accessible websites
20 the final decision of a criminal case decided within that prosecutorial district within 60 days
21 of the case's final disposition. The bill also requires the clerk of the Unified Criminal
22 Docket to post on the clerk's publicly accessible website the final decision of a criminal
23 case decided within the State within 60 days of the case's final disposition.