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House of Representatives, February 19, 2019

**An Act To Require That the Terms of a Settlement to Which a Local
Unit of Government Is a Party Be Made Available to the Public**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative VEROW of Brewer.

Cosponsored by Representatives: STANLEY of Medway, WHITE of Waterville, Senators:
CARPENTER of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8109, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 652, Pt. B, §5, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Procedures for political subdivisions.** Any political subdivision may settle
5 claims filed against it pursuant to sections 8104-A, 8104-B, 8104-C and 8104-D in
6 accordance with procedures duly promulgated by its governing body. If the political
7 subdivision is a county or municipality, the terms of the settlement, including a payment
8 by an insurer of the political subdivision pursuant to the settlement, are a public record as
9 defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill provides that the terms of a settlement of a claim against a county or
12 municipality, including a payment by an insurer of the county or municipality, are a
13 public record.