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S.P. 710

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

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.

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

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

CHAPTER 313

PUBLIC POSTING OF CRIMINAL CASE DECISIONS

§2401. Public posting of criminal case decisions

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

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

SUMMARY

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