

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 669, L.D. 913, "An Act To Enact the  
Maine Data Collection Protection Act"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Make Certain Civil Court Records Accessible by the Public Only at the  
Courthouse'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
following:

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §9-C is enacted to read:

**§9-C. Court records accessible by the public only at the courthouse**

For civil cases brought pursuant to Title 14, section 6001 or 7481, the following court  
records are accessible by the public only at a courthouse:

**1. Resolution by agreement of the parties.** Court records that are part of a court case  
that is resolved by agreement of the parties;

**2. Dismissed or resolved in favor of the defendant.** Court records that are part of a  
court case that is dismissed or resolved in favor of a defendant;

**3. Set aside or vacated.** Court records that are part of a court case that is set aside or  
vacated; and

**4. Older than 3 years.** Court records that are part of a court case more than 3 years  
after a judgment has been entered.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It limits the public accessibility of certain court  
records that are part of eviction actions brought pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 14, section 6001 and small claims actions brought pursuant to Title 14, section 7481.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 669, L.D. 913

1 It provides that the records are available only at the courthouse, and not online, if the  
2 eviction action or small claims action is resolved by agreement of the parties, is dismissed,  
3 is resolved in favor of the defendant or is set aside or vacated or more than 3 years have  
4 elapsed since the judgment was entered.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
6 (See attached)



Approved: 03/17/22 *MAC*

# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 913

LR 1842(02)

An Act To Enact the Maine Data Collection Protection Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *ACH-905*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Judicial Department are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.