

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 9: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 9913. Legislative Branch: Applicability.

The Commonwealth Legislature, including all Commonwealth legislators and the Legislative Bureau, shall be subject to 1 CMC § 9901, et seq. The respective rules and procedures of the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Legislative Bureau shall be in compliance with this chapter.

Source: PL 9-2, § 5 (repealing PL 8-41, § 14); PL 15-19, § 2; Popular Initiative (2009).

Commission Comment: PL 15-19 was enacted on June 26, 2006 and contained the following findings and purpose provision in addition to severability and savings clauses:

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Popular Initiative 2009 regarding the application of the Open Government Act to the Legislature became effective on November 9, 2009 when the election results for 2009 were certified by the Election Commission.