

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 893 Session of 2019

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PHILLIPS-HILL AND MUTH, OCTOBER 25, 2019

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing
3 for use of equipment during meetings and for General Assembly
4 meetings covered.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 711(b) and 712 of Title 65 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 711. Use of equipment during meetings.

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11 (b) Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.--[The]
12 Except as provided under section 712(b) (relating to General
13 Assembly meetings covered), the Senate and House of
14 Representatives may adopt rules governing the recording or
15 broadcast of their sessions and meetings and hearings of
16 committees.

17 § 712. General Assembly meetings covered.

18 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision, for
19 the purpose of this chapter, meetings of the General Assembly

1 which are covered are as follows: all meetings of committees
2 where bills are considered, all hearings where testimony is
3 taken and all sessions of the Senate and the House of
4 Representatives. Not included in the intent of this chapter are
5 caucuses or meetings of any ethics committee created pursuant to
6 the Rules of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

7 (b) Recording and streaming.--The Senate and House of
8 Representatives shall record and post all meetings of committees
9 and hearings covered under subsection (a) on the General
10 Assembly's publicly accessible Internet website. When
11 technically possible, the meetings of committees and hearings
12 shall be available by live stream video.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.