13.01 GOVERNMENT DATA.

Subdivision 1. Applicability. All government entities shall be governed by this chapter.

- Subd. 2. **Citation.** This chapter may be cited as the "Minnesota Government Data Practices Act."
- Subd. 3. **Scope.** This chapter regulates the collection, creation, storage, maintenance, dissemination, and access to government data in government entities. It establishes a presumption that government data are public and are accessible by the public for both inspection and copying unless there is federal law, a state statute, or a temporary classification of data that provides that certain data are not public.
- Subd. 4. **Headnotes.** The headnotes printed in boldface type before paragraphs in this chapter are mere catchwords to indicate the content of a paragraph and are not part of the statute.
- Subd. 5. **Provisions coded in other chapters.** (a) The sections referenced in this chapter that are codified outside this chapter classify government data as other than public, place restrictions on access to government data, or involve data sharing.
- (b) Those sections are governed by the definitions and general provisions in sections 13.01 to 13.07 and the remedies and penalties provided in sections 13.08 and 13.09, except:
 - (1) for records of the judiciary, as provided in section 13.90; or
 - (2) as specifically provided otherwise by law.

History: 1979 c 328 s 1; 1981 c 311 s 1,39; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 4,5; 1982 c 545 s 24; 1991 c 319 s 1; 1999 c 227 s 22; 2000 c 468 s 1,2; 2005 c 163 s 3,4