

ular meeting. The State Textbook Commission shall also have the authority to determine the policies and conditions under which any book may be removed from the list for meeting, if the Commission finds that such book contains subversive material or information, provided the publisher of such book has been given written notice by the Secretary of the Commission not less than thirty days prior to the meeting that removal of such book will be considered by the Commission.

The State Textbook Commission shall have authority to adopt minimum manufacturing standards and specifications for textbooks, and to make contracts with publishers for a period of not less than three years nor more than five years.

Section 7 provides for the selection and adoption of textbooks by local school system committees.

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the county, city and special school district boards of education are hereby authorized and required to adopt textbooks to be used in the public schools of said counties, cities and special school districts from the list of textbooks listed for adoption by the State Textbook Commission, said adoption to be for a period of not less than three years, and not more than five years, in accordance with State contracts, provided that cities and special school districts may adopt the same textbooks that are used in the county in which said city or special school district is located; and provided, further, that all cities or special school districts having a total population of less than 5,000 are hereby required to make their adoption as part of and in cooperation with the county unit in which said city or special school district is located; and provided, further, that county, city and special school district boards of education shall make their adoption upon recommendations of committees, these committees to be set up by subject matter fields and composed of three or five teachers, or supervisors and teachers, the number depending upon the relative size of the local school system.

These Committees shall be composed of teachers and supervisors who are now teaching or supervising the respective subjects and shall be by grade or groups of grades arranged so that a committee may consider an entire series of books if it should so desire, provided in all cases, the teachers appointed on the Committees herein provided for shall hold permanent professional certificates and shall have had three or more years of experience as teachers or supervisors in the public schools.

The members of the Committee authorized in this paragraph shall serve for one fiscal year; provided that the members of the first Committees appointed under the provisions of this Act shall serve until June 30, 1952; provided further that all members appointed on such Committees shall subscribe to the oath as set out in Section 3 of this Act.

The oath shall be administered by the County Judge or by the Chairman of the County Court, or by some authorized official empowered to administer an oath. The superintendent of schools in the county, city, or special school district, adopting textbooks under the provisions of this Act, shall serve as ex-officio member of all Committees, and shall record a list of all books adopted and immediately at the completion of the adoption forward a copy of such recorded adoption to the State Commissioner of Education.

Section 13 establishes authority for the distribution of all textbooks under contract.

SECTION 13. *Be it further enacted*, That the party or parties with whom the contract is made, or the agent of the party or parties, shall designate in each county in the State, in such towns and cities as the State Textbook Commission shall require, at least one merchant who will handle the books of the contractor, that the contractor or his agent will supply books to said dealer so that there will be at all times in the dealer's hands a sufficient stock or supply of books contracted for to meet all immediate demands in his vicinity, that he will ship the books contracted for to such merchants at the price named in the contract f.o.b. Nashville, and that he will require said merchant to contract to sell said books as such f.o.b. price plus the merchant's spread fixed by the Textbook Commission; that the contractor or his agent will ship directly to parties living in any county where no arrangements have been made for distribution at the contract price f.o.b. Nashville, provided the price of the book or books so ordered shall be paid in advance; that the contractor or his agent will sell directly the books covered by said contract to school authorities of any county, city, or special school district authorized to purchase the same at the price named in the contract, f.o.b. Nashville.