

*Tennessee*

The State Textbook Commission is composed of 7 members, 6 of whom are appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of 3 years each. One member shall be a county superintendent of schools; one shall be a city superintendent of schools; one shall be a school principal; one shall be a teacher or supervisor in the lower grades (grades 1 to 3, inclusive); one shall be a teacher or supervisor in the intermediate grades (grades 4 to 8, inclusive); and one shall be a teacher or supervisor of upper-grade subjects (grades 9 to 12, inclusive). The seventh member is the State Commissioner of Education who is ex officio Secretary of the State Textbook Commission with the right to vote. At least one member of the Commission shall be appointed from East Tennessee; at least one shall be appointed from Middle Tennessee; and at least one shall be appointed from West Tennessee. All current textbook contract periods are 5 years in length with a total of 5 years required to complete official listings in all grade and subject areas. However, present statutes permit contract periods of 4 years in length but not less than 3 years in length. The Commission determines the policies and the conditions under which books may be added to its official list of textbooks and also the policies and conditions under which books may be removed from its official list of textbooks. A list of at least 4 books in each subject and grade is compiled, provided that that many books are available and of sufficient merit to warrant being listed.

*Texas*

The State Textbook Committee is appointed by the State Board of Education upon recommendation of the State Commissioner of Education and is composed of 15 members (no two may live in the same Congressional District). They are appointed for a term of 1 year. The majority must be classroom teachers and all members must have had training and have recognized ability as teachers in the subject field for which adoptions are to be made each year. The Committee recommends to the Commissioner a complete list of textbooks which it approves for adoption at the various grade levels and in the various school subjects. The Commissioner may remove books from a list but may not add to a list. The Commissioner submits the recommended list to the State Board of Education who likewise may remove books from a list but may not add to it. The Board adopts a multiple list of books for the elementary schools and a multiple list for the high schools. The lists include no fewer than 3 nor more than 5 books on specific subjects (unless fewer than 3 are offered for adoption).

The State Board of Education purchases the books from the contractors. The State Text Book Fund consists of a fund set aside by the State Board of Education from the available school fund plus all moneys accruing from the sale of disused books and that derived from the purchase of books from local Boards by private individuals, schools, etc.

*Virginia*

The State Board of Education selects the textbooks. Preliminary work is done by the Board's Textbook and Curriculum Committee composed of 4 members. The Committee utilizes the assistance of the professional staff of the State Department of Education and individual evaluators selected from supervisory and teaching personnel represent the instructional areas for which textbooks are to be adopted. Persons outside the field of education are sometimes invited to assist the Committee. Basal books are adopted for 6 years unless the books become obsolete or unless a change would result in a material decrease in price. The State Board of Education has authorized staggered adoptions in designated subject areas with one-third of all books coming up for adoption every two years.