

solved and a new committee appointed in the same manner as the original committee.

Each Evaluating and Rating Committee shall be dissolved as soon as the State Board of Education completes the adoption in the subject field for which it was appointed.

SECTION 5. The School Book Commission is hereby directed to cooperate fully with the State Board of Education, the Textbook and Curriculum Advisory Committee and the Textbook Evaluating and Rating Committees in determining whether or not textbooks offered for adoption meet the South Carolina Minimum Manufacturing Standards and Specifications for textbooks. The Commission shall furnish a list of textbooks offered for adoption which, in its judgment, fail to meet the Minimum Manufacturing Standards and Specifications and list in detail the deviations it finds prior to the rating by the evaluating committees.

SECTION 6. The Evaluating and Rating Committees may recommend and the State Board of Education may adopt textbooks in manuscript. Provided, however, any contract awarded for textbooks in manuscript form shall be subject to final approval of the State Board of Education and the Evaluating and Rating Committees as to the final wording, format, illustrations and captions, and physical construction. Any Evaluating and Rating Committee for subject matter adopted in manuscript form shall not be discharged until final action has been taken by the State Board of Education on the completed text.

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to adopt not less than 3 nor more than 5 books or series of books in each subject field if so many books have been recommended by the Evaluating and Rating Committees. However, prior provision notwithstanding, the State Board of Education is not required to adopt any books recommended by the Committees that in the judgment of the State Board of Education are unsatisfactory. The State Board of Education may adopt a number of books or series of books exceeding the original instructions to the Evaluating and Rating Committees if so recommended by the Evaluating and Rating Committee and the State Board of Education concurs in the recommendation.

SECTION 8. Substitutions of new copyrights for textbooks under contracts will be allowed only with written permission as specified below.

(1) Any publisher desiring to substitute a later copyright of an adopted textbook with minor changes that can be used interchangeable in the same classroom without confusion may make application to the State Superintendent of Education. The publishers shall submit 4 samples of the edition under contract, 4 samples of the edition it proposes to substitute and 4 complete lists of changes between the two editions. If, after consultation with the Division of Instruction, the State Superintendent of Education concludes that the two editions can be used interchangeably in the same classroom without confusion, he is authorized to grant permission to substitute the new edition. All substitutions made under this provision shall be reported to the State Board of Education and approved by the Director of the State School Book Commission as to the construction of the book but not its contents.

(2) Any publisher desiring to substitute a later copyright of an adopted textbook that is so different from the original text that it cannot be used interchangeably in the same classroom without confusion must make application to the State Board of Education and agree to take up all copies of the old text books in use in the public schools of South Carolina and allow an exchange rate to the state or school equal to any equity they have in the used books. The State Board of Education shall examine the publishers request and if, in its judgment, there is sufficient merit to warrant further consideration the State Board of Education shall create an Evaluating and Rating Committee as provided under Section 4. After receiving the report of the Committee, the State Board of Education will determine whether or not the substitution will be allowed.

(3) Provided, however, that in all substitutions allowed prices shall not exceed the price named in the original contract.

SECTION 9. All original contracts shall be for a period of four years and contain a clause providing that at the option of the State Board of Education the contracts may be extended for two additional years at no increase in price.

At the expiration of a contract between the state and the publisher of any textbook, the State Board of Education, upon the recommendations of the Textbook and Curriculum Advisory Committee and upon satisfactory agreement being had with such publisher, may renegotiate the contract for such textbook or later edition thereof for a period not to exceed two years without any increase in price.