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337.010 State Board of Textbook Commissioners; appointment; vacancies. In the month of June in every fourth year after 1927, the State Board of Education shall appoint a State Board of Textbook Commissioners, consisting of five citizens of recognized scholarship and professional standing, who have been actively and continuously engaged in teaching or in supervision of schools in this state for the five years preceding the appointment. Commissioners shall be selected from only such school districts as are, at the time of appointment, required by law to use the textbooks selected by the textbook commissioners, except as provided in ORS 337.140 or from the "education" faculties of normal schools or higher institutions of learning or from among the county school superintendents in whose counties the state-adopted textbooks are used. Commission members shall be selected from various parts of the state and no two shall be from the same county. The term of appointment of the commissioners shall be for four years. The State Board of Education shall fill all vacancies in the board.

337.020 Compensation and mileage of commissioners. Each member of the State Board of Textbook Commissioners shall be paid \$100 for each biennium and such travel expense, subsistence and mileage allowances as are authorized pursuant to ORS 291.004 and 292.220. Any claim for compensation under this section shall be audited by the Secretary of State and paid out of any funds in the hands of the State Treasurer not otherwise appropriated [Amended by 1953 c 526 §1]

337.030 Annual circular to school book publishers. In February of each even-numbered year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, under the direction of the State Board of Education, issue a circular and mail a copy of the same to all the leading school book publishers in the United States. The circular shall contain:

(1) The name and postoffice address of each member of the State Board of Textbook Commissioners.

(2) The time and place of meeting of the textbook commissioners to adopt textbooks.

(3) The general form of bid to be followed by publishers in submitting textbooks for adoption.

(4) The general form of contract to be entered into between the State Board of

Education and a publisher whose books may be adopted.

(5) The branches of study included in the state course of study for which textbooks are to be adopted for schools of all grades.

(6) The statutory provisions relating to the adoption of textbooks.

(7) Such additional facts and information as may be deemed expedient.

337.040 Sessions of textbook commissioners. The State Board of Textbook Commissioners shall meet at the state capital for the purpose of adopting textbooks and other instructional materials, and may hold such other meetings as are necessary for proper performance of their duties. Four members shall constitute a quorum. They shall immediately organize by electing a chairman from among their number. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall designate a staff member of the Department of Education to act as secretary [Amended by 1953 c 526 §2]

337.050 Adoption of books and instructional materials. (1) Except as provided in ORS 337.140, the State Board of Textbook Commissioners shall adopt, for a six-year period, a multiple choice list of textbooks for each grade and subject field in the standard curriculum of all public elementary and secondary schools. They may adopt such other instructional material as they deem desirable for each such grade and subject field.

(2) At any biennial meeting, the board shall not change more than one-third of the textbooks used in public schools, which one-third shall be indicated to the board by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(3) Board meetings shall be public. The vote upon adoption of each textbook or item of instructional material shall be viva voce and the vote of each member recorded in the board minutes. A minimum of three votes is necessary for adoption of any textbook or item of instructional material. [Amended by 1953 c 121 §3, 1953 c 526 §3]

337.060 Submission of proposals by publishers. The proposals of each publisher shall be submitted to the board in writing, not later than the first day of the session of the board, and shall contain the full title of each textbook proposed to be furnished by him, the date of copyright, the price at which it can be exchanged up to December

31, inclusive, of the year of adoption for the corresponding textbooks then in use in the common schools, the introductory price at which it will be sold to the patrons of the schools of this state up to December 31, inclusive, of the year of adoption, and the retail price thereafter during the period of adoption. The proposal shall further contain an offer to furnish to such patrons the textbooks described, or any one of them, at prices, and no higher, than contained in the proposal, during the period of six years from their adoption, and to comply with the other requirements of ORS 337 060 to 337 130. The State Board of Education may require the proposal to contain the price at which books will be furnished to any school district in accordance with a plan adopted and outlined by said board

337.070 Adoption or rejection of proposals; new proposals; delivery of copy of textbook. The board may adopt or reject any or all textbooks contained in any proposal. If the price of any textbook in all the proposals is considered by the board unreasonably high, or the book not suitable, the board may reject such textbook, and thereafter, at the same or subsequent session, receive new proposals for such book and adopt it in the same manner as other textbooks are required to be adopted. No publisher shall have the right to have his proposal as to any textbook considered unless he has delivered free of cost to each member of the board one copy of such textbook, at least 60 days before the meeting of the board

337.080 Report of textbook adoptions. When textbooks have been adopted in accordance with ORS 337 050 to 337 110, the State Board of Textbook Commissioners shall immediately report such adoption to the State Board of Education. The report shall contain the full title of each book adopted, as printed therein, the date of copyright, the exchange, the introductory and the retail price thereof, and such other facts and information as may be deemed expedient. The report shall be signed in triplicate by each member of the board and attested by the secretary. One copy shall be delivered to the Governor, one to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and one retained by the chairman of the board

337.090 Contract with publisher; terms; bond; breach; remedies. (1) On receiving

the report of the textbook commissioners, the State Board of Education shall, as soon as practicable, enter into a written contract in triplicate with each publisher whose books have been adopted. The contract shall require the publisher to maintain at least one depository in each county in the state, to be designated by the State Board of Education, where such books may be purchased and to furnish the same according to ORS 336.060 to 336 130 and the conditions named in the bid. One copy shall be delivered to the Governor, one to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and one to the publisher named therein.

(2) The State Board of Education shall take from each publisher entering into such contract a good and sufficient bond in such sum as stipulated damages as the board may determine, payable to the State of Oregon for the benefit of the Common School Fund, executed by the publisher as obligor together with a surety company authorized to do business in this state as surety and approved by the State Board of Education, for the full and faithful performance of the contract

(3) If any publisher fails to carry out the provisions of the contract on his part, or, with intent to evade said provisions, sells any of said textbooks in this state at higher prices than provided for in his contract, the State Board of Education may, on behalf of the state, rescind the contract and notify the publisher thereof, or bring the appropriate action or suit to enforce the provisions of the publisher's bond

337.100 Circular of textbooks adopted. In January of every odd-numbered year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall, under the direction of the State Board of Education, issue a circular giving the full title of each book adopted by the State Board of Textbook Commissioners as printed therein, the date of copyright, the exchange, the introductory and the retail price thereof and such other facts and information as may be deemed expedient. The circular shall be sent to each county school superintendent, free of cost, in sufficient quantities to enable him to supply a copy without charge to each officer in his county

337.110 Adoption of substitute or additional textbooks. If at any time during the period for which a textbook is adopted, it becomes necessary to adopt any textbook instead of or in addition to those required

by the course of study in force at the time of the regular adoption, the chairman of the board of textbook commissioners or Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Governor, may call a special session of said board. It shall thereupon convene and adopt such textbook in the same manner as other textbooks are required to be adopted. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall in such case cause the proper circulars and notices to be sent to publishers.

337.120 School board selection and use of adopted textbooks and instructional materials. (1) Except as otherwise provided by ORS 332.440 and 337.140, the district school board, with the advice and assistance of district teachers and school administrators, shall select textbooks and other instructional materials for each grade and subject field from the multiple choice adoption list. The board shall cause the books or materials so selected to be introduced and used in their schools at the beginning of the next school year following adoption.

(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized to postpone such introduction for a reasonable period of transition to a new course of study. [Amended by 1953 c 121 §3]

337.130 Adopted books as basic textbooks; duty of school officers and teachers; enforcement of statute. (1) Except as otherwise provided by ORS 332.440 and 337.140, textbooks adopted under ORS 337.040 to 337.130 shall be used as the basic textbooks in the public schools of this state thereafter.

(2) School officers and teachers shall comply with the provisions of ORS 337.040 to 337.130 concerning such adopted textbooks. Any teacher who wilfully violates any of said provisions, shall be deemed to have violated the terms of his contract with the district.

(3) Any taxpayer of a school district, or parent or guardian of a child attending a common school in any district, shall be deemed to have such a beneficial or direct interest in the enforcement of this section that he may bring any proper proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel the district school board of his district or teachers in his school to perform the duties enjoined upon them by this section and ORS 327.120.

337.140 Textbook adoption in districts having specially qualified executive head.

The district school board of any school district which meets the conditions set forth in this section and conforms to the rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education relative thereto, may make adoptions of textbooks in the place of or in addition to those named by the State Board of Textbook Commissioners. Such district must have as executive head of its schools a person holding a superintendent's administrative certificate and must submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for his approval the complete courses of study for which such adoptions are proposed and a resolution of the district school board approving such proposed adoptions.

337.150 Free textbooks; duty to provide; "standard school" explained. (1) Each district school board shall, in the manner specified by ORS 328.520 and 328.525, provide textbooks, prescribed or authorized by law, for the free use of all pupils residing in its district and enrolled in and actually attending standard elementary schools.

(2) For the purpose of ORS 328.520, 328.525 and 337.150 to 337.250 a school shall be standard when it meets the standards of the State Board of Education and all teachers engaged in classroom instruction in said school hold a valid Oregon teaching certificate of the proper teaching level. The holding of such a certificate shall be evidenced by annual registration with the county school superintendent of the county in which the school is situated.

337.160 When pupils must furnish textbooks; loans to indigent pupils. In those cases in which ORS 337.150 is not applicable, the district school board:

(1) Shall require, as a condition of membership in any school, that pupils shall be provided by their parents or guardians with such books as may be prescribed by law.

(2) When directed by a vote of a district, shall loan textbooks to indigent pupils; and, when not directed by a vote of the district so to do, may loan said books to the indigent pupils upon the written report of the clerk that the parents or guardians of such children are unable to purchase such books.

337.170 District textbook purchases; maximum price. Textbooks for use in first class districts may be purchased by the directors thereof direct from the publishers or dealers in said books, or through the

State Board of Education. Textbooks for use in second and third class districts shall be purchased through the State Board of Education. The price paid for textbooks purchased by first class district directors directly from the publishers or dealers, other than books used exclusively in said first class districts, shall not be in excess of the price paid for the same textbooks purchased through the State Board of Education during the same period. All contracts for the purchase of such textbooks by first class district directors direct with the publishers or dealers shall contain a provision that the price paid for the books during the period covered by such contracts shall not exceed the price at which such textbooks or any of them could have been or are being purchased through the State Board of Education.

337.180 Donation, sale or exchange of textbooks. Any district school board may receive donations of any and all textbooks and any and all other books used or which may be used in its school district and may sell such textbooks owned by them or exchange the same for other textbooks.

337.190 Labeling of district-owned textbooks. All textbooks purchased under ORS 337.150 are, and shall remain, the property of the school district. Upon receipt thereof, each of said books shall be immediately and properly labeled as the property of the school district.

337.200 Rules and regulations concerning textbooks. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, shall promulgate rules and regulations as follows

(1) Regulating the requisition, purchase, distribution, use, care and handling of district-owned textbooks

(2) Governing the assignment of textbooks to pupils, their care in the hands of pupils, their return to the teachers and the responsibility of each pupil and the parent or guardian of such pupil for the care and return of all books so assigned. A district school board, to insure the return in good order of district-owned textbooks, shall require an adequate deposit or bond equal to the value of any books furnished to pupils attending a standard elementary school other than the public elementary school within the district

(3) Governing the sale of textbooks by the school authorities to pupils attending

standard elementary schools, or their parents or guardians, who may desire to purchase the same.

(4) For the disposal of such textbooks as are no longer in fit condition to be, or which are no longer, used for the purpose of instruction

(5) For the sale and disposition of textbooks by any district having a surplus, not required by the pupils of said district, to other districts.

(6) For the guidance and direction of the county school superintendents and school boards relative to the order in which textbooks shall be supplied. Such rules and regulations may require that textbooks be acquired according to subjects or grades or both.

337.210 Application of state regulations to certain first class districts. Rules and regulations promulgated under ORS 327.200 shall apply to such first class districts requesting that textbooks for such districts be purchased through the State Board of Education so far as the rules and regulations apply to the requisition, purchase and distribution of textbooks.

337.220 Textbook regulations of first class districts. First class district school boards shall have the same power and authority in their respective districts as granted by ORS 337.200 to the State Board of Education.

337.230 Disposition of money from sale of textbooks. Any moneys realized from the sale of used textbooks, or textbooks which are no longer needed by any school district, shall be credited to the budget item for the purchase of textbooks of the school district receiving the money.

337.240 Contracts with publishers by state board or first class district board. The State Board of Education may enter into contracts with publishers or dealers in textbooks for supplying the textbooks to second and third class districts and such first class districts as may request to purchase the books through said board. The contracts shall not bind the state board or any school district to purchase any fixed number or amount of textbooks and shall not be for a period longer than six years. First class district school boards shall have the same power relative to their respective

districts as granted in this section to the state board relative to second and third class districts

337.250 Methods of selection of textbooks unchanged. Nothing contained in ORS 337.150 to 337.240 shall in anywise change, or be construed as changing, the methods now or hereafter provided for the selection of textbooks for use in Oregon public elementary schools.

337.260 Textbooks on American history and civil government. Every board, commission, committee or officer charged with the selection of textbooks for use in the public schools shall select and install textbooks on American history and civil government which adequately stress the services ren-

dered by the men who achieved our national independence, who established our form of constitutional government and who preserved our federal union. No textbook shall be used in our schools which speaks slightly of the founders of the republic or of the men who preserved the union or which belittles or undervalues their work.

337.270 Selection of high school textbooks. All textbooks used in the two years' required work in high schools shall be selected by the State Board of Textbook Commissioners.

337.990 Penalties. Violation of any of the provisions of ORS 337.010 to 337.040, 337.060 to 337.110 or 337.130 to 337.270 is a misdemeanor

