

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ANY COUNTY OF THE STATE TO ADOPT A UNIFORM SERIES OF TEXT-BOOKS, AND TO CONTRACT FOR AND PURCHASE THE SAME.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the legal voters of any school district may, at their annual meeting, authorize the district boards to purchase text-books, to be the property of the district, to be loaned, rented or sold at cost to the patrons of the school, as the electors may by vote determine.

SEC. 2. The school district board, or board of education, shall have power to appropriate so much of the incidental funds as may be necessary, or the annual meeting may vote a special tax, not exceeding five mills on the dollar, to carry out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. School districts may, at their annual meetings for the election of school officers, indicate by a majority of all the votes cast at such a meeting their desire for a county uniformity of text-books, which vote shall be transmitted to the county superintendent of public instruction by the clerk of the aforesaid school district, within ten days from the time of such vote.

SEC. 4. Whenever a majority of all the districts of a county in any one year shall indicate, as in section 3, their desire for a county uniformity of text-books, the county superintendent of public instruction shall notify the districts of such vote, and at the same time call for one delegate from each municipal township and city of the third-class in the county, to be elected at a meeting of the school boards of such township, on a day and at a place and hour specified in said call: *Provided*, That if, by virtue of section 10 of this act, any city of the first or second-class shall decide to adopt the provisions of this act in the matter of county uniformity, then the city so adopting shall send the superintendent of the city schools, and one other person to be elected by the board of education, to be representatives of such city on the county text-book board.

SEC. 5. District boards shall vote in the county and township in which their school houses are located.

SEC. 6. The delegates so elected shall constitute a county text-book board, whose duty it shall be to select and prescribe the text-books to be used in each branch of study required by law to be taught in the public schools.

SEC. 7. No text-book shall be prescribed in pursuance of the provisions of this act unless the publishers thereof shall have first filed with the county superintendent of public in-

3 instruction a guarantee of its price, quality and permanence of supply, together with a good
4 and sufficient bond for the faithful compliance with said guarantee, conditioned in such
5 sum as the county text-book board may determine and approve.

SEC. 8. The county superintendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio chairman of
2 said county text-book board and shall furnish each school district a list of the text-books
3 selected and prescribed in pursuance of the provisions of this act. which list shall be posted
4 by the district clerks in their respective school houses, and said list shall comprise the only
5 legal text-books for the schools of said county, and it is hereby required of the school
6 boards to conform to the said lists in the text-books prescribed for use in their schools.

SEC. 9. A county text-book board may be elected once in every five years in each county,
2 in the manner prescribed in this act, whose power and duties shall be the same as those
3 herein before enumerated.

SEC. 10. All cities of the first and second-class are hereby exempted from the provisions
2 of this act, except that any such city, may by a vote of its board of education, adopt the
3 provisions of sections 1 and 2 ; and further, that by a separate vote the board of education
4 may decide to join in a uniformity of text-books with the county in which such city is sit-
5 uated, and so deciding such city shall be represented on the county text-book board, as
6 provided in section 4 of this act.

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BOARDS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO PURCHASE TEXT-BOOKS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The board of directors of any independent district or district township, when
2 petitioned by one third of the freehold voters of said district, shall submit to the next
3 annual election in March, the proposition to purchase text-books, to be the property of the
4 district, and to be loaned or otherwise furnished to resident pupils, under such rules and
5 regulations as may be prescribed by the board of directors, and approved by the county
6 superintendent ; but no such proposition shall be submitted until a notice in writing shall
7 have been posted up, in at least three (3) public places ten days before an election is held in
8 said independent district or township, setting forth that a proposition to purchase text-
9 books will be voted upon at the time named in this act, but said notice may be published in
10 a newspaper of general circulation in said independent district or district township.

SEC. 2. When a proposition to purchase text-books shall have been submitted as provided
2 for in section one (1) hereof, the vote shall be by ballot, and only such text-books as may be
3 necessary to teach the branches required by law to be taught in the common schools of this
4 State, shall be purchased.

SEC. 3. Text books purchased in compliance with this act shall not be changed for a per-
2 iod of five (5) years from and after their adoption, except by a majority vote of the electors,
3 taken by ballot, at any annual election.

SEC. 4. No text-books shall be purchased under the provisions of this act, unless the elec-
2 tors at their annual meeting or election in March shall first vote a special tax for this pur-
3 pose, of not to exceed three (3) mills on the dollar, in any one year, and the said notice shall
4 be given, and the proposition submitted in the same manner as that to authorize the pur-
5 chase of text-books provided for in section one (1) of this act.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of boards of directors, to make, and cause to be printed, such
2 rules and regulations as may be necessary to secure proper distribution, care and preserva-
3 tion of text-books, in their respective districts, subject to the approval of the county super-
4 intendent.