

CHAPTER V.

March 5, 1868.

An Act to Secure Uniformity in the Text-books used in the Common Schools of this State.

- SECTION 1. Who to constitute a Board of Commissioners—duty to select text-books to be used in the common schools.
2. Whenever text-books shall be selected, to be binding for the term of five years—when said period to commence.
 3. Board to make a contract in writing with the publisher of any text-book to receive old books in exchange for new when required.
 4. Board to hold their sessions at St. Paul—compensation.
 5. Superintendent of Public Instruction to insert in blank registers the names of the books adopted.
 6. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The superintendent of public instruction, the principal of the university of Minnesota, and the secretary of state, shall constitute a board of commissioners, whose duty it shall be to select the text-books to be used in the common schools of this state.

SEC. 2. Whenever any text-book shall be selected by said board of commissioners, it shall be authoritative and binding upon all public school officers and teachers for the period of five years; *Provided*, That said period shall not begin to run till after three months from the selection and adoption of such books.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said board, whenever an exchange of any text book shall be made under the provisions of this act, to make a written contract with the publishers of the same, that said publishers shall receive all the books in the hands of the families and scholars in the state in exchange for the new books of the same class adopted by said board. *Provided*, That it shall be lawful for said board, whenever such exchange of books cannot be effected, to make a contract with the publishers of any book adopted, that they shall receive all the books in the

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hands of the families and scholars in the state, of the same class as the one adopted, allowing therefor the true value of the same according as the same has or has not been used, the said value to be determined under proper regulations to be adopted by the board and made a part of such contract with said publishers.

SEC. 4. Said board of commissioners shall hold their sessions at St. Paul, in the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The members of said board shall receive no compensation for their services, except that the traveling expenses of the principal of the university of Minnesota to and from St. Paul and St. Anthony, shall be paid out of the state treasury.

Where sessions to be held—compensation.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction to insert in the blank school registers the books which shall be made authoritative and binding upon school officers and teachers agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Cause to be inserted in blank registers names of the books adopted.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval.

When act to take effect.

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CHAPTER VI.

An Act Relating to the Apportionment of School Money by County Auditors.

March 6, 1868.

- SECTION 1. County Auditors to make report to Superintendent of Public Instruction on the last Wednesdays of March and October—what report to contain.
2. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of each county auditor in the state, on the last Wednesday of March and on the last Wednesday of October of each year, to make a report