

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 837

BY: CHANDLER of the SENATE

and

CROCKER of the HOUSE

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS; AMENDING 70 O.S. 1991,
SECTION 16-102, WHICH RELATES TO THE SELECTION OF
SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL METHOD OF
SUBMISSION FOR SELECTION; PROVIDING PROCEDURES
RELATED TO SUCH METHOD; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-102, is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-102. A. The State Textbook Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman as often as necessary, with two (2) weeks' public notice, to discharge its responsibilities. Not later than the first day of December of each year the State Textbook Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman at the State Capitol and select textbooks for subjects taught in the public schools of the state up to and including the twelfth grade, which selections shall be for not more than five (5) years for every textbook.

"Textbooks", as used in Sections 16-101 through 16-124 of this

title, may also include instructional computer software complimentary to achieving learner outcomes prescribed by the State Board of Education including, but not limited to, applications using computer assisted instruction, interactive videodisc, other computer courseware, and magnetic media. Said Committee shall select ten textbooks or series of books for each subject, but if there are not ten books satisfactory to the Committee, then it may select only such books as are in its judgment satisfactory for such subject. The State Textbook Committee may determine that unusual or extraordinary circumstances exist in a particular subject area during the period for which textbooks have been selected for that subject area. Unusual or extraordinary circumstances shall include but not be limited to significant new techniques of teaching in a particular subject area or significant new findings or discoveries in a particular subject area. Upon a determination by three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the State Textbook Committee that unusual or extraordinary circumstances exist in a particular subject area, the Committee may select one or more textbooks in that subject area for the remainder of the adoption period notwithstanding the maximum limitation on the number of textbooks selected for a subject area.

B. In addition to the textbooks selected pursuant to subsection A of this section, textbooks may be submitted for selection by a petition signed by at least five superintendents and their school board presidents and filed with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Such textbooks shall be placed on the list of approved textbooks within thirty (30) days of the filing of the petition with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

C. The increase in the number of textbooks or series of textbooks from seven to ten shall be implemented at a time when the State Textbook Committee deems appropriate.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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