

commissioners as they may require them; but nothing in this section shall be taken to prohibit the several boards of city and county school commissioners, or parents of pupils from purchasing text books of the uniform series selected by the State Board of Education from other parties, or in procuring them in any other manner.

16. He shall decide, subject to appeal, to the State Board of Education, and without cost to the parties, all controversies or disputes that may arise under this law, the facts of which controversies or disputes shall be made known to him by written statements by the parties thereto, verified by oath or affirmation if required, and accompanied by certified copies of all documents necessary to a full understanding of the question in dispute; *provided*, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as preventing any questions that may arise under this law, from being subject to the jurisdiction of and being tried in the courts of law of this State; *and, provided further*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to give him jurisdiction in matters relating to money, property or vested rights; the superintendent shall file and arrange in the order of time, and keep in his office all proceedings on every appeal to or from him, including his and their decisions, and orders founded thereon.

17. It shall be the duty of the State Superintendent to collect in his office such school books, apparatus, maps and charts, as can be obtained without expense to the State, and also to purchase at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars a year, rare and valuable works on education to be used as books of reference for the benefit of teachers; he may also subscribe to such school journals and journals of education as he may consider valuable, file the same for reference, and have them bound at the end of the year at an annual cost of not exceeding fifty dollars, and the said sums are hereby annually appropriated, to be paid by the Treasurer, upon warrant of the Comptroller.

18. The State Superintendent shall be principal ex officio of the State Normal School.