

the passage of this act; but said boards shall have the right at any time to change any series of text books already in use or hereafter adopted; provided, that text books shall be furnished under the provisions of this act to the several grades in the public schools, successively, beginning with the first grade; and provided, that said boards shall not be required to expend during any school year for said text books, more than the several amounts of money received by said boards, respectively, under the provisions of this act; and provided, that indigent pupils of all grades shall receive text books free of cost, as provided under the provisions of existing laws; and provided, the said respective boards shall adopt such means for the purchase of text books by competitive bidding, as far as is practicable, and at the lowest possible price. And provided, that parents or pupils may purchase their own text books when they may think proper; and provided further, that the several Boards of School Commissioners shall furnish annually to the State Board of Education the title, the name of the publisher, and the net price paid for each text book so purchased; which information shall be set forth in full in the annual report made by the State Board of Education.

Delivery of
text books.

60. The said several boards shall authorize the delivery of text books to the various public schools under their supervision, respectively. And shall provide for the issuing, safe keeping, care and return of the same, under such rules and regulations, as they may severally adopt.

Accounts to
be kept.

61. The said several boards shall keep an account of all moneys expended under the provisions of this act, and report the same in the annual financial accounts as required by law, and no money so received by them shall ever be used for any other purpose than for the purchase of school books, as provided by the two preceding sections.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Comptroller, on the first day of August, 1896, and annually thereafter, and to be expended or as much thereof as may be necessary for the purchase of text books as provided in this act.

Apportionment of
appropriation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the whole of said sum shall be apportioned by the Comptroller in the month of July of each and every year, as the State school tax is now apportioned, and he shall immediately thereafter notify the Treasurer