

1 IN THE HOUSE

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By Request

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 43

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An act pertaining to the Textbook Com-
7 mission; amending Section 37-2-41 ACLA
8 1949, as amended by Chapter 97, Session
9 Laws of Alaska 1951, and Section 37-2-42
10 ACLA 1949, and Section 37-2-45 ACLA 1949,
11 as amended by Chapter 97, Session Laws of
12 Alaska 1951."

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

14 Section 1. Section 37-2-41 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter
15 97, Session Laws of Alaska 1951, is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 37-2-41. Creation: Membership: Term of office:
17 Oath: Vacancies. A textbook commission consisting of the
18 Commissioner of Education as (EX-OFFICIO) Chairman (, AND
19 FOUR LEGALLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND/OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
20 OF ALASKA TO BE APPOINTED BY HIM WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT
21 OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE TERRITORIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, IS
22 HEREBY CREATED. SAID TEXTBOOK COMMISSION) and six persons
23 appointed by him with the advice and consent of the President
24 of the Territorial Board of Education is hereby created. The
25 persons appointed shall be either legally qualified teachers
26 or school administrators of Alaska, and the membership shall
27 include both such teachers and administrators in such
28 proportion as the Commissioner may determine. The members
29 of the commission shall serve for a period of four years

1 and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
2 Vacancies in the membership of the commission caused by
3 resignation, withdrawal from the Territory or from other
4 causes shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of
5 the original appointees, the newly appointed members to serve
6 until the completion of the four year period. Members of the
7 commission shall, before entering upon the duties of their
8 office, take an oath before some person authorized to ad-
9 minister the same, to faithfully discharge all the duties
10 imposed upon them as members of the textbook commission, and
11 that they have no interest directly or indirectly in any
12 adoption that may be made and will receive no personal benefit
13 therefrom, and that they will examine all books submitted
14 carefully and faithfully, and said oath shall be filed with
15 the Auditor of the Territory.

16 Section 2. Section 37-2-42 ACLA 1949 is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 Section 37-2-42. Selection of textbooks: Use of books
19 not adopted. It shall be the duty of the textbook commission
20 to select and adopt (A) uniform (SET) sets of textbooks for
21 use in all the branches of study presented in the elementary
22 schools of the Territory, and to select and adopt an ap-
23 proved list of textbooks for use in each of the subjects
24 presented in the high schools of the Territory. None of the
25 books so selected and adopted shall contain anything of a
26 partisan or sectarian character. After September 1, 1930,
27 it shall be unlawful for any school to use textbooks other
28 than those adopted by the textbook commission except for
29 purposes of supplementary study; Provided, that where it is

1 impossible for any school to secure the approved textbooks,
2 others may be substituted on approval of the Commissioner of
3 Education.

4 Section 3. Section 37-2-45 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter
5 97, Session Laws of Alaska 1951, is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 37-2-45. Meetings: Selection by majority vote:
7 Record of Proceedings: Expenses. The Textbook Commission
8 shall meet (ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS AT THE CAPITAL) at the
9 call of the Chairman every two years in even-numbered years
10 to select and adopt a list of textbooks for use in the
11 elementary schools and high schools, provided, that the
12 Commission may at any time by correspondence select and adopt
13 newly published books for supplementary study. All books
14 shall be selected by a majority vote of the members and the
15 Commissioner of Education shall keep a record of all pro-
16 ceedings, votes and actions of the Commission. The necessary
17 expenses for traveling and subsistence shall be allowed mem-
18 bers residing outside of the capital while in attendance at
19 meetings of the Commission; said expenses to be paid out of
20 funds to be appropriated for the Commission by the
21 Legislature.