

**[ REPUBLIC ACT No. 139, June 14, 1947 ]**

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ACT NUMBERED TWENTY-NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING A BOARD TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE SELECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE TEXTBOOKS TO BE USED BY THE COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," AS AMENDED BY ACTS NUMBERED THIRTY-ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE, THIRTY-FOUR HUNDRED AND TWO, AND THIRTY-SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section one of Act Numbered Twenty-nine hundred and fifty-seven, as amended by Acts Numbered Thirty-one hundred and eighty-five, Thirty-four hundred and two, and Thirty-seven hundred and seventy-two, is further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. A board is hereby created which shall be known as the Board on Textbooks and shall have charge of the selection and approval of textbooks to be used in the public schools. The textbooks selected and approved shall be used for a period of at least six years from the date of their adoption.

"The textbooks to be used in the private schools recognized or authorized by the Government shall be submitted to the Board which shall have the power to prohibit the use of any of said textbooks which it may find to be against the law or to offend the dignity and honor of the Government and people of the Philippines, or which it may find to be against the general policies of the Government, or which it may deem pedagogically unsuitable.

"Decisions of the Board on Textbooks shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Instruction upon the recommendation of the National Council of Education."

SEC. 2. Section two of Act Numbered Twenty-nine hundred and fifty-seven, as amended by Act Numbered Thirty-seven hundred and seventy-two, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The Board on Textbooks shall be composed of five members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines with the consent of the Commission of Appointments. The members of the Board shall hold office for a period of six years, and shall serve without compensation. In making the appointment of the first Board, one member shall be appointed for a period of two years, two members for a period of four