S. B. No 41

Veto

An Act,
to amend Article 5- Section 1 of the Charter of the city of Dallas and providing for the purchase by the board of Education of said city of books, text books and supplies, used in said city Schools in all grades up to and including the seventh grade and for the furnishing of such books so purchased for the free use of the pupils in such grades.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas

Section 1 That Art 5, Section 1 one of the city Charter of Dallas shall hereafter read as follows:
The city public schools shall be under the management, and control of a board of Education composed of a President and six members, who shall be elected on the first Tuesday of april 1908. and at a regular election to be held biennially thereafter, on the first Tuesday of April and shall hold their office for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified.
Any vacancy occuring in the board of Education shall be filled by an election to be held by said board, and the person elected shall hold office for the unexpired time. The members of said board shall serve without compensation, shall have exclusive control of the public schools of the city of Dallas, and shall have full and ample authority in accordance with the provisions hereof, to provide necessary school-buildings and facilities and to open and conduct a sufficient number of schools to meet the wants of the scholastic population

of the city of Dallas, so far as they can do so by prudent and judicious application of the means made subject to their administration and management. Among the powers hereby conferred, and said board of Education the following are for greater certainty enumerated: To contract for, lease and purchase lots and to construct buildings for school purposes, and to make all needed repairs and alterations in same; to furnish said school building with all appropriate furniture, fixtures and apparatus, to sell or dispose of school property; when the same is necessary or admissable, to lay off the city into such school districts as in the judgment of the said board shall be proper; to increase or diminish said districts, and to change the boundaries thereof at pleasure; to employ Superintendents, teachers and such other persons as may be necessary, and to fix their compensation and prescribe their duties and to establish all such regulations and rules deemed necessary by the board to provide and and maintain an efficient system of Public Schools in the City of Dallas, The Board of Commissioners when levying the annual tax for the fiscal year shall levy an advelorem tax of one-fourth of one percentum of the taxable values of the City of Dallas for that fiscal year and said tax when collected shall be deposited with the city Treasurer by the Board of Commissioners to the credit of the school fund; which said sum together with all sums received from the State County and other school funds, shall be held by the city treasurer subject to the order and disbursements of the board of Education, and shall be paid out upon warrants issued by order of said

Board of Education audited by the city Auditor and signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Education. An official statement or copy of all contracts, claims, accounts pay-rolls and demands of whatever nature whereby any money is to be disbursed or expended from the school funds and also complete annual reports showing the operation of the schools shall be filed with the City Auditor, who shall examine, adjust and audit all claims accounts, pay-rolls, and demands before same shall be paid, The School board may enter into contracts by competitive bids with publishers and dealers in school supplies for furnishing to the patrons or pupils of the public schools of the city, any and all books, stationary and school supplies required by the City Schools at such prices as may be agreed upon by and between the Board and such publishers or dealers in no case to exceed the list price of the same articles in the book stores of the city and when such contracts or agreements are made by the Board of Education it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Education to keep constantly on hand and to furnish to the patrons or pupils of the City Schools the various books, stationary and supplies thus agreed upon and at the prices agreed upon by the board of Education: Provided that no profit compensation, or commission shall ever be allowed to, or collected by said board, its Secretary, or any member thereof, upon the agreed contract price at which the publishers, or dealers furnish the same to the Board of Education under any such agreement or contract; provided also that the Board of Education may enter into contracts by competitive bids with publishers

and dealers in school supplies for the purchase by the Board of Education of books, text-books and supplies, or any part of said books, text-books and supplies for the use of pupils in said schools up to and including the seventh grade in such schools, and that such books, text-books, and supplies so purchased by said board shall be furnished to the pupils of such schools for their use free of charge; provided that the title to all such books, text-books and supplies shall remain in the City of Dallas and that such books, text-books and supplies shall be furnished as aforesaid to the pupils of said schools upon such terms, conditions, penalties and under such regulations as the said Board of Education shall make and provide; provided that this sub-division of this Act shall be subject to the provision of the uniform Text Book Act applying to the same subject matter

Section 2. The fact that there is now no provision in the Charter of the City of Dallas authorizing the Board of Education to purchase and finish free to the pupils of the first seven grades in the Dallas City Schools and the near approach of the opening of the fall term of said schools, creates an emergency and an imperative necessity requiring that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the same is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and it is so enacted.

A. B. Davidson
President of the Senate

Sam Rayburn
Speaker House of Representatives

I hereby certify that Senate Bill No. 41 passed the Senate on August 22nd, 1911 by vote of yeas 22 Nayes 0

Clyde A. Smith.
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that Senate Bill No 41 passed the House on August 26th 1911.

Robt Barker
Chief Clerk House of Representatives

Received in the Executive Office,
This 29 day of Aug A.D. 1911
at 9 o'clock and 20 minutes P. M.
[illegible]
Private Secretary