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CHAPTER 3  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**§ 51. Membership; expenses**

The board, as heretofore created, shall consist of 10 members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. The members shall serve for a term of 5 years and until their successors shall have been duly appointed and qualified. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in accordance with the regular appointment. The members shall take the oath of office prescribed for state officers. Members of the board shall be subject to removal from office by the Governor and Council for cause. Members of the board shall serve without pay, other than their actual expenses while carrying out the functions of the board.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 2; 1957, c. 289, § 1.

**§ 52. Meetings**

The board shall meet immediately after appointment at the call of the commissioner and organize by electing one of their members chairman, one vice-chairman and such other officers as the board deems necessary to perfect its organization. Meetings of the board shall be held quarterly in the offices of the department on call of the chairman of the board or the commissioner on 5 days' written notice to the members. If both the chairman and commissioner shall be absent, or refuse to call a meeting, any 3 members of the board may call a meeting by similar notices in writing.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 3.

**§ 53. Seal**

The board shall adopt a seal and such seal shall be used by the commissioner to authenticate documents or copies of documents as such board or commissioner may deem advisable.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 5.

**§ 54. Records and reports**

The board shall keep in the office of the commissioner a complete record of the minutes of its meetings and other procedures, and biennially, on the first Monday of January, shall make a report to the Governor which shall embody the report of the commissioner to the board. The board shall cause this report to be printed and shall distribute the same to the members of the Legislature and to the educational officers in the various municipalities of the State. The cost of printing the report shall be paid from the appropriation of the department.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 6.

**§ 55. Recommendations to Legislature**

The board shall recommend to the Legislature such new legislation or amendments to existing legislation as they shall deem necessary for the efficient conduct of the public schools of the State.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 7.

**§ 56. Personnel and organization**

The board, in addition to other duties prescribed by law, shall select, subject to the Personnel Law, such personnel as may be needed for the efficient operation of the department. Appointment of full-time employees in the department shall be made by the board from nominations by the commissioner. The board may, on recommendation of the commissioner, organize and, from time to time, reorganize the department into such divisions, branches or sections as may be found necessary or desirable in order that it may perform all proper functions and render maximum service to the operation and improvement of the state system of education.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 8.

**§ 57. Establishment of vocational and technical schools**

In addition to its duties connected with vocational education and vocational rehabilitation, the board shall have authority to establish, maintain and operate state technical and vocational institutes to promote specialized training for returned veterans of World War II and other persons who give evidence of special aptitude or need and who desire specialized training designed specifically to train for service in trade, industry or commerce.

R.S.1954, c. 41, § 203.