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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMULATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATION TO THE WYOMING STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

Your committee does hereby recommend the adoption of the following practice in the presentation of proposed legislation, to-wit:

"No proposed legislation to be presented to the Wyoming State Legislature shall be approved by the Wyoming State Bar Association unless said proposed legislation is presented in writing as prescribed by said Association on or before the annual State meeting of said Association preceding the legislative meeting of said Association, which said proposed legislation shall be delivered to the legislative committee of said Association, and said committee shall cause a written summary of said proposed legislation to be mailed to all members of the Wyoming State Bar Association at least 30 days prior to the legislative meeting of said Association in order that all members may be fully informed of said proposed legislation and may present objections, if any, to said proposed legislation. Said proposed legislation so presented shall then be considered by the legislative committee, which committee shall make their recommendation for the consideration of the Wyoming State Bar Association as heretofore provided by the rules of the said Association."

Respectfully submitted,
W. N. Brimmer, Chairman

REPORT OF WYOMING DIGEST AND STATUTE COMMITTEE TO THE WYOMING STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

The Digest and Statutes Committee met at the time of the Legislative Committee Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar Association during the 1955 session of the legislature. At that time agreements to buy the Wyoming Digest had been executed by a sufficient number of the members of the State Bar. On January 15, 1955, the Wyoming State Bar unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing Senate File No. 1, and urging the passage thereof, and guaranteeing a sale of at least 200 sets of the digest for not more than \$140.00 per set. Senate File No. 1 became law and is now Chapter 16 of the Session Laws of Wyoming of 1955. According to the law, the following Wyoming Digest Committee has been appointed:

Honorable Fred H. Blume
Honorable George F. Guy
Honorable Everett T. Copenhaver
Mr. Robert Burgess
Mr. Byron Hirst.

In May of 1955, the committee signed a contract with the West Publishing Company, a copy of which is attached.

The officials of the West Publishing Company say that the editorial work is scheduled for this fall. They expect to review the cases decided

through December 31, 1955, and print and distribute the Wyoming Digest in February of 1956.

Senate File No. 90 became law as Chapter 155 of the Session Laws of Wyoming 1955. According to the law, a Wyoming Compilation Commission has been appointed as follows:

Honorable Fred H. Blume
 Honorable George F. Guy
 Honorable Everett T. Copenhaver
 Mr. Charles R. Harkins
 Mr. Byron Hirst.

In contracting for the Wyoming Compiled Statutes of 1945, the State of Wyoming reserved the copyright. Every publishing company known to the commission which might be interested has been requested to submit suggested specifications for a new compilation. The commission hopes to agree upon specifications and to sign a contract for a compilation subject to approval of the legislature, and to secure an appropriation to carry out the contract. We hope the new compilation and index will be done so well that it never again will be necessary to contract for compilation. We hope that this compilation can be published in many small volumes which can be revised separately from time to time as need shall arise. Suggestions have been received from the Bobbs-Merrill Company, West Publishing Company, and The Allen Smith Company. The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company has indicated it will send a proposal. The Courtwright Publishing Company has been requested to send a proposal. Bancroft-Whitney Company and The American Law Book Company have indicated they are not interested in preparing a compilation.

There are no further problems about the Digest at this time excepting arranging for the sale thereof to lawyers next spring. The Compilation Commission may want to consult with representatives of the Bar about a contract for a compilation, and, if a contract shall be entered into, the lawyers should be acquainted with its provisions, and the lawyers should acquaint the legislators with its provisions before the next session of the legislature. Therefore, it is recommended that the new president of the Bar Association appoint a committee composed of one member from each judicial district.

Yours very truly,

WYOMING DIGEST AND STATUTE COMMITTEE

A. G. McClintock
 William Walton
 Clarence A. Brimmer, Jr.
 Robert W. Sievers
 Thomas Morgan
 Elmer J. Scott
 Thomas O. Miller
 L. A. Crofts
 Byron Hirst

WYOMING DIGEST CONTRACT

WHEREAS, an Act of the 33rd Legislature of the State of Wyoming, Laws 1955 (Senate File No. 1), established the WYOMING DIGEST COMMITTEE; and

WHEREAS, such Act authorized and directed the COMMITTEE to negotiate and contract for the editing, preparation, printing and publication of a Wyoming Digest covering the reported decisions of the State Courts and the Federal Courts originating in Wyoming according to the requirements and specifications of the Key Number System and according to such other requirements and specifications as shall be necessary and proper for a suitable and adequate Wyoming Digest; and

WHEREAS, such Act authorized the Secretary of State of the State of Wyoming to purchase Five Hundred (500) sets of the completed Wyoming Digest; and

WHEREAS, such Act made an appropriation out of the State Treasury, to be paid at the direction and upon the authorization of the Secretary of State, to carry out the provisions of the Act —

THEREFORE, this CONTRACT is made and entered into by and between WEST PUBLISHING COMPANY of St. Paul, Minnesota, a Minnesota corporation, Party of the First Part, and the WYOMING DIGEST COMMITTEE and the Secretary of the State of Wyoming, Parties of the Second Part, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth herein, for the editing, printing and publication of a Wyoming Digest according to the following requirements and specifications, to-wit:

- I. PARTY OF THE FIRST PART hereby contracts and agrees to—
 - A. Compile, edit, print and publish a Wyoming Digest under the West Key Number System covering the reported decisions of the Supreme Court of Wyoming, Territorial and State, and the reported decisions of the Federal Courts originating in Wyoming, from the earliest times through the year 1955 in the same general style and format as other modern West Key Number Digests.
 - B. Examine the cases reported in Volumes 1 to 40 of the Wyoming Reports for additional points of law and Key Number classifications;
 - C. Examine and include all pertinent and adaptable material in the Digest prepared by Judge Fred H. Blume of the Supreme Court of Wyoming;
 - D. Prepare a Descriptive Word Index to fully and adequately represent the case law covered in the Wyoming Digest;
 - E. Prepare and include a Table of Cases;

- F. Prepare and include a listing of Words and Phrases judicially defined;
- G. Print and publish the Wyoming Digest in not to exceed Eight (8) volumes;
- H. Bind the volumes in long-lasting Dupont Fabrikoid;
- I. Equip each volume for pocket part supplementation;
- J. Prepare and publish cumulative and supplemental pocket parts for each of the sets of the Wyoming Digest purchased under this contract for a period of two (2) years, such pocket parts to be issued annually and to be furnished free of cost;
- K. Prepare and publish cumulative and supplementary pocket parts, subsequent to the free pocket parts specified in Sub-division J of this Part, on a regular basis at current prices;
- L. Publish and deliver to the Secretary of State the sets of Wyoming Digest purchased under this contract on or before one (1) year from the date of the execution of this contract;
- M. Relinquish and reserve to the Secretary of State the right of private sale of the Wyoming Digest in the State of Wyoming.

II. PARTIES OF THE SECOND PART hereby contract and agree that —

- A. The Secretary of State of the State of Wyoming will purchase and accept delivery of Five Hundred (500) sets of the completed Wyoming Digest at a total price of Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Five (\$68,625) Dollars.
- B. The Secretary of State will pay Ten Per Cent (10%) of the purchase price to the Party of the First Part upon the signing and execution of the contract;
- C. The balance of the purchase price will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Party of the First Part within Thirty (30) Days after delivery of the completed Wyoming Digest.

DONE AND EXECUTED, by the duly authorized Parties, this day of, 1955.

WEST PUBLISHING COMPANY

WYOMING DIGEST COMMITTEE

Fred H. Blume
 Howard B. Black
 Everett Copenhaver
 Robert A. Burgess
 Byron Hirst

SECRETARY OF STATE

Everett Copenhaver