

be prescribed by the Superintendent; shall provide a suitable office for the sealer; shall make provision for the necessary clerical services, supplies and transportation, and for defraying contingent expenses, incident to the official activities of the sealer in carrying out the provisions of this subtitle. When the *secondary* standards of weight and measure required by this section to be provided by a town, city or county shall have been examined and approved by the Superintendent, they shall be the official standards for such town, city or county.

17. Joint city and county jurisdictions.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of this subtitle, a county and one or more cities situated therein, each of which would otherwise be **[required]** *permitted* by Section 13 of this subtitle to appoint a sealer, may establish a joint county-city weights and measures jurisdiction under an agreement between the governing body of the county and the governing bodies of such cities, with one sealer and one set of standards and equipment. When such a joint county-city jurisdiction is established, the provisions of Section 13 of this subtitle relative to the appointment, removal, discharge, and reduction in pay and position of sealers and deputy sealers shall be observed except that in every case joint action of the county and the city or cities forming the joint jurisdiction shall be required. A sealer, and deputy sealers, appointed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall have the same powers and duties as though appointed separately in and for the county and city or cities forming the joint jurisdiction.

18. Method of sale of commodities—In general.

[Commodities in liquid form shall be sold only by liquid measure or by weight, and commodities not in liquid form shall be sold only by weight, by measure or length of area, or by count. Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to commodities when sold for immediate consumption on the premises where sold, to vegetables when sold by the bunch, or to commodities when in package form or in containers standardized by a law of this State or by federal law.] *Commodities in liquid form shall be sold only by liquid measure or by weight, and, except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, commodities not in liquid form shall be sold only by weight, by measure, of length or area, or by count. Provided, that liquid commodities may be sold by weight and commodities not in liquid form may be sold by count only if such methods give accurate information as to the quantity of commodity sold. And provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not apply (1) to commodities when sold for immediate consumption on the premises where sold, (2) to vegetables when sold by the head or bunch, (3) to commodities in containers standardized by a law of this State or by federal law, (4) to commodities in package form when there exists a general consumer usage to express the quantity in some other manner, (5) to concrete aggregates, concrete mixtures, and loose solid materials such as earth, soil, gravel, crushed stone, and the like, when sold by cubic measure, or (6) to unprocessed vegetable and animal fertilizer when sold by cubic measure. The Superintendent may issue such reasonable regulations as are necessary to assure that amounts of commodity sold are*