

SEC. 3. The County Commissioners of each county shall, on or before the first day of May in each year, appoint some person as keeper of standards of weights and measures, who shall safely keep and preserve the same, and, when required, deliver them to the County Commissioners, or to such persons as they may appoint to receive the same, and who shall perform the several duties prescribed by this Article.

SEC. 4. The person so appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond to the County Commissioners in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditional for the faithful discharge of all the duties appertaining to his office.

SEC. 5. All weights and measures used within this State in the vending of articles, shall be inspected and stamped, or branded by said standard keepers, and when adjusted, shall be by the said standard keepers branded with the letters Md. S., meaning thereby Maryland Standard, together with figures that will indicate the year of inspection, in such manner and on such parts of the said weights and measures as shall be most lasting and effectual in preventing and detecting fraudulent practices or impositions in the use of such weights and measures; and the like inspection shall be repeated once in every year and the year of inspection branded or stamped thereon; such weights and measures so examined and stamped or branded as aforesaid, and no other shall be used in this State in the vending of such articles as are directed by law to be or are usually sold by weight or measure, under a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 6. The keeper of standards of weights and measures shall attend to the different market towns and villages in the county for which they shall respectively be appointed, at least once in each year and at the different public inspecting warehouses in the said counties at least twice in each year on some certain days to be appointed by the County Commissioners, of which days public notice shall be given by advertisement inserted in some one or more newspapers in the counties in which there may be such paper printed, and also by advertisement set up at some conspicuous place in the said markets, warehouses, villages and towns, and shall inspect and adjust all beams and scales, weights and measures, used or intended to be used in said county.

SEC. 7. Each keeper of standards shall keep in book form, in which he shall register the names of the persons whose beams and scales, weights and measures he has adjusted, together with the day of the month and year, and number and description of the same so adjusted, which book he shall submit