

CHAPTER 252.

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AN ACT relating to standards of weights and measures and sealers thereof, for the several towns and cities of the county of Rock.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. At the next annual election for the election of city officers, to be held in the cities of Janesville and Beloit, and annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each of said cities, a sealer of weights and measures, who shall be elected and shall qualify in the same manner as other officers of said cities are elected and qualified, and whose term of office shall be for one year and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Election of sealer of weights and measures in Janesville and Beloit.

SECTION 2. The board of supervisors of each town and the common council of each city in the county of Rock, are hereby authorized to procure for the use and at the expense of their town or city, a complete set of weights and measures, and scales and beams, in conformity with those required to be kept in the county treasury, or such portion of the same as they may deem necessary for the use of their respective town or city; but the same may be made of such suitable materials as the supervisors or common council may direct, which shall be tried and proved by the county treasurer, and be by him sealed and certified, and when so sealed and certified, such weights and measures, scales and beams, shall be deposited with the sealer of weights and measures, and the same shall be kept by him as the standard of weights and measures for the town or city.

Weights, measures, &c. for use of towns and cities.

How to be tried.

SECTION 3. The county treasurer or any of the town or city sealers of weights and measures of said county of Rock, shall prove and seal all scales, beams, weights and measures presented to him for that purpose, and shall be entitled to receive from the person presenting the same, a fee of six cents for the first sealing of every weight, measure, scale or beam, and four cents for every subsequent sealing of the same, and a reasonable compensation for all alterations made in said articles. They shall also provide and keep a seal like unto the seal required by law to be kept by the state treasurer, with

Fees for sealing weights, measures, &c.

which they shall seal all such scales, beams, weights and measures.

Penalty for neglect of duty.

SECTION 4. If any sealer of weights and measures shall neglect to perform his duties, as prescribed in this act, he shall forfeit for each neglect the sum of five dollars.

Weights and measures to be tried every three years.

SECTION 5. Once in every three years, each town and city sealer of weights and measures, for the time being, shall cause the said standards in his keeping to be tried, proved and sealed by the county standard, under the direction of the county treasurer.

Weights and measures of dealers to be sealed.

SECTION 6. The board of supervisors of said county of Rock shall have power, by order, to require each and every person who shall buy and sell by weight and measure, any article or articles within either of the towns of said county, to get his said weights and measures sealed in the manner herein provided, and shall also have power to impose adequate penalties for violation of such order.

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SECTION 7. The common council of each of the cities of Janesville and Beloit shall have power, by order or ordinance, to require each and every person who shall buy or sell by weight or measure, any article or articles within the limits of their respective cities, to cause their weights and measures to be sealed in the manner herein provided, and shall also have power to impose adequate penalties for any violation of such order or ordinance.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 31, 1864.