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HOUSE BILL NO. 354

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Provides with respect to the testing of drinking water

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:5.6(C), relative to testing of drinking water; to provide sample testing of  
3 certain chemicals in drinking water; to require submission of sample testing to the  
4 office of public health; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.6(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5.6. Safe drinking water; inspections and tests; cost

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9 C.(1) For every public water system compliance sample taken under the  
10 Lead and Copper Rule established by the United States Environmental Protection  
11 Agency's national primary drinking water regulations for drinking water pursuant to  
12 42 U.S.C. Section 300g-1, the public water system shall also obtain a chlorine strip  
13 test result from the same sample taken at the time of sample collection by the  
14 homeowner.

15 (2) The public water system shall submit the test results as required in  
16 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, along with the public water system's Lead and  
17 Copper Rule test results, to the office of public health of the Louisiana Department  
18 of Health.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires sample testing of certain chemicals in drinking water.

Present law requires the office of public health of the La. Dept. of Health to perform all inspections, tests, or procedures on public water supplies as authorized by federal law at no cost to any municipality, parish governing authority, or any public or privately owned water system.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the contaminants which are to be tested are those provided and identified in accordance with federal safe drinking laws and regulations. Present law also provides such testing shall be performed at least once a year as long as funds are appropriated.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires, for every public water system compliance sample taken under the Lead and Copper Rule established by federal regulations, the public water system to also obtain a chlorine strip test result taken from the same sample.

Proposed law requires the chlorine strip test result to be submitted, along with the Lead and Copper Rule test results, to the office of public health.

(Adds R.S. 40:5.6(C))