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DIGEST

SB 2 Reengrossed

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<u>Present law</u> requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish a water fluoridation program for public water systems with at least 5,000 service connections and provides exemptions for water systems that meet certain criteria.

<u>Present law</u> requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish the levels of fluoride for public water systems to comply with the fluoridation program.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes certain water systems to opt out of the program if 15% of registered voters in the precincts served by the water system sign a petition and a local election is called by the governing authority in which a majority of registered voters approve the exemption.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the fluoridation of any public water systems unless 15% of registered voters in the precincts served by the water system sign a petition and a local election is called by the governing authority in which a majority of registered voters approve the fluoridation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that systems are not required to remove any naturally occurring fluoride from their water.

Effective January 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:5.11(A) and (B); adds R.S. 40:5.3.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Provides that systems are not required to remove any naturally occurring fluoride from their water.
- 2. Prohibits the use of chlorine gas to treat any public water system, effective January 1, 2029.
- 3. Changes the effective date <u>from</u> August 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026.
- 4. Prohibits the fluoridation of any public water systems unless 15% of registered voters

in the precincts served by the water system sign a petition and a local election is called by the governing authority in which a majority of registered voters approve the fluoridation.

5. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Remove the prohibition on using chlorine gas to treat public water systems.
- 2. Make technical changes.