

SENATE BILL NO. 4

BY SENATOR FESI AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, COATES, CREWS, DICKERSON, EDMONSTON, JACKSON, MACK, OWEN AND VENTRELLA

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:5.11 (B)(1) and (3), the introductory paragraph of 5.11(B)(4),
3 and 5.11(G), relative to public water systems; to allow local governments to vote to
4 exempt public water systems from fluoridation requirements; to provide for an
5 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.11(B)(1) and (3), the introductory paragraph of 5.11(B)(4), and
8 5.11(G) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §5.11. Water fluoridation program

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11 B.(1) Each public water system that has at least five thousand service
12 connections and natural levels of fluoride that are outside the optimal range
13 established in the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Section shall acquire,
14 install, operate, and maintain appropriate equipment and material in order to
15 maintain the level of fluoride in its water system in the optimal range for the purpose
16 of protecting the dental health of citizens of this state, as established in the rules and
17 regulations adopted pursuant to this Section.

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19 (3) No public water system shall be required to comply with Paragraph (1)
20 of this Subsection unless sufficient funds have been identified by the state, whether
21 by appropriation, capital outlay, grants, or similar means or source of funds, as
22 available to that system for the cost of acquiring and installing fluoridation
23 equipment and the cost of material required to fluoridate said system for at least six
24 months from the date of initial installation.

25 (4) A public water system ~~that has never used fluoridation to adjust fluoride~~
26 ~~levels in its water and whose water contains fluoride in amounts outside the range~~

