

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 633

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Requires lead water testing for public facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:5.6.1 and 31.33(C)(4), relative to safe drinking water; to provide for  
3 legislative findings; to require water testing for lead in certain facilities; to authorize  
4 a funding source; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:5.6.1 and 31.33(C)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §5.6.1. Safe drinking water; lead inspections and tests

8 A. The legislature finds all of the following:

9 (1) Lead is a toxic metal that is harmful to human health when it is ingested  
10 or inhaled.

11 (2) Unlike most other contaminants, lead is stored in bones, and can be  
12 released over time into the bloodstream.

13 (3) Even small doses of lead can build up and become a significant health  
14 risk.

15 (4) Even though water delivered from a community's public water supply  
16 must meet federal and state standards for lead, a building's plumbing may contribute  
17 to elevated lead levels in the drinking water.

18 (5) Testing the water at each outlet is the only sure way to find out if the  
19 water contains too much lead.

