

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 731 (SB 4)

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Existing law requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish a water fluoridation program.

Existing law requires public water systems with at least 5,000 service connections to fluoridate the water and provides exemptions for water systems that meet certain criteria.

Existing law requires the La. Dept. of Health to establish optimal levels of fluoridation for public water systems.

Prior law authorized water systems that have never used fluoridation and have levels outside of the range established by the La. Dept. of Health to opt out of fluoridation 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.

New law authorizes any water system to opt out of fluoridation 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 to fluoridation.

Effective June 2, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:5.11(B)(1), (3), and (4)(intro para) and (G))