

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS**SB 4****2026 Regular Session****Fesi****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

PUBLIC HEALTH: Provides relative to water fluoridation. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Provides relative to the procedures for a water system to be exempt from fluoridation requirements.
2. Makes technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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

Present 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.

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

Present law authorizes 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.

Proposed 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 upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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