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DIGEST

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

Proposed law repeals the 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 certain water systems 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 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 fluoridation.

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

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 40:5.11)