
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1068

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Campbell, Bush and Rockefeller)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing for a public vote on the fluoridation
2 of public water supplies; amending RCW 70.05.060; creating a new
3 section; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the
6 public interest for the registered voters affected by a fluoridation
7 proposal to make the final decision on whether to fluoridate a public
8 water system as defined by RCW 70.116.030. The legislature further
9 finds that fluoridation decisions are best made by voters prior to the
10 addition of fluoride to public water systems.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.05.060 and 1991 c 3 s 308 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, each
14 local board of health shall have supervision over all matters
15 pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people
16 within its jurisdiction and shall:

17 ~~((1))~~ (a) Enforce through the local health officer or the

1 administrative officer appointed under RCW 70.05.040, if any, the
2 public health statutes of the state and rules promulgated by the state
3 board of health and the secretary of health;

4 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Supervise the maintenance of all health and sanitary
5 measures for the protection of the public health within its
6 jurisdiction;

7 ~~((+3))~~ (c) Enact such local rules and regulations as are necessary
8 in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health and provide
9 for the enforcement thereof;

10 ~~((+4))~~ (d) Provide for the control and prevention of any
11 dangerous, contagious or infectious disease within the jurisdiction of
12 the local health department;

13 ~~((+5))~~ (e) Provide for the prevention, control and abatement of
14 nuisances detrimental to the public health;

15 ~~((+6))~~ (f) Make such reports to the state board of health through
16 the local health officer or the administrative officer as the state
17 board of health may require; and

18 ~~((+7))~~ (g) Establish fee schedules for issuing or renewing
19 licenses or permits or for such other services as are authorized by the
20 law and the rules of the state board of health: PROVIDED, That such
21 fees for services shall not exceed the actual cost of providing any
22 such services.

23 (2) A local board of health shall not authorize the fluoridation of
24 a public water system as defined by RCW 70.116.030 unless:

25 (a) A majority of the members of a local board of health vote to
26 request the county legislative authority to cause a proposition of
27 fluoridation of a public water system to be submitted to the registered
28 voters residing within the area described in the board's proposition of
29 fluoridation at a general or special election; and

30 (b) Following an election as provided in this subsection, a
31 majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in favor of
32 fluoridation.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
35 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect

1 immediately.

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