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## **BILL 52**

A Bill to amend the Public Health Act

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## **Explanatory Note**

**2.** This amendment will authorize plebiscites to determine whether the electors of a municipality desire the fluoridation of the communal water supply.

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(Assented to , 1956)

**H**ER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

## PART I

1. *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 188 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

2. The following section is added immediately after section 7a:

"7b. (1) In this section,

"(a) "council" means the governing body of a municipality;

"(b) "elector" means a person entitled to vote at an election of the members of the council of the municipality under the appropriate Act applying to the municipality;

"(c) "municipality" means a municipality supplying its own communal water supply.

"(2) The council of a municipality may by by-law provide authority for the fluoridation of the communal water supply thereof.

"(3) Before the by-law is finally passed by the council a plebiscite of the electors of the municipality shall be taken to determine if the electors approve of fluoridation of the communal water supply.

"(4) A copy of the proposed by-law shall in the following or like form be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality:

"Public notice is hereby given that there has been introduced in the council of ..... a by-law providing for fluoridation of the water supply of the ..... of ..... and that a copy of the same may be seen at the office of the (city clerk or secretary-treasurer, as the case may be,) of ..... and further that a plebiscite of the electors of ..... will be taken to determine if such electors approve of the fluoridation of the communal water supply, and if two-thirds of the electors voting on the plebiscite vote in favour of fluoridation, the by-law will be finally passed."

Part II will relate the amendments to the revision and consolidation.

"(5) The procedure before, during and after the taking of the plebiscite shall be that provided for the taking of a vote on a debenture by-law in so far as the same is applicable, and fluoridation of the communal water supply shall be declared to be approved if such fluoridation receives the approval of two-thirds of the electors voting thereon.

"(6) If the plebiscite does not approve fluoridation of the communal water supply as provided in subsection (5), the by-law shall not be finally passed, and no further plebiscite thereon shall be taken by the council in respect of fluoridation until at least one year after the holding of the plebiscite.

"(7) Where a municipality is fluoridating its communal water supply pursuant to a by-law authorizing the same and passed in accordance with this section, the council at any time after two years from the date of the plebiscite may rescind such by-law, but the rescinding by-law shall not be finally passed until it has received the approval of two-thirds of the electors voting thereon at a plebiscite held in the same manner as is provided in subsections (1) to (5) for a plebiscite approving fluoridation."

## PART II

3. *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 255 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, is hereby amended.

4. The following section is added immediately after section 14:

"14a. (1) In this section,

"(a) "council" means the governing body of a municipality;

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"(6) If the plebiscite does not approve fluoridation of the communal water supply as provided in subsection (5), the by-law shall not be finally passed, and no further plebiscite thereon shall be taken by the council in respect of fluoridation until at least one year after the holding of the plebiscite.

"(7) Where a municipality is fluoridating its communal water supply pursuant to a by-law authorizing the same and passed in accordance with this section, the council at any time after two years from the date of the plebiscite may rescind such by-law, but the rescinding by-law shall not be finally passed until it has received the approval of two-thirds of the electors voting thereon at a plebiscite held in the same manner as is provided in subsections (1) to (5) for a plebiscite approving fluoridation."

**5.** Part I and this section come into force on the 1st day of January, 1957, and Part II, except this section, comes into force and Part I is repealed on the day the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, come into force, or on the 1st day of January, 1957, whichever is the later date.

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