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In Senate, March 21, 1957.

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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Briggs of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 25, § 145, amended. Section 145 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 145. Fluoride in public waters; authorization. No such public utility or agency shall add any fluoride to any such water supply without first having been authorized to do so by the municipality or municipalities served by it. **Any public utility or agency duly authorized to add fluoride to any water supply shall do so within 6 months after being notified in accordance with the provisions of this section. The town or city clerk shall, within 10 days after the vote, notify the public utility or agency of the vote favoring the addition of fluoride to the public water supply.** In the case of a city, such authorization shall be by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at a regular or special city election. In the case of a town or plantation, such authorization shall be by a majority vote of the inhabitants present at an annual town or plantation meeting. In the case of a public utility or agency serving more than one municipality, such authorization shall be by a majority vote of the voters voting at such city election and a majority vote of the inhabitants present at an annual town or plantation meeting of each town or plantation served by such public utility or agency. ~~provided, however, that authorization~~ **Authorization** by municipalities representing 80% of the customers served by such public utility or agency shall be sufficient. **Whenever a municipality shall have approved fluoridation it may not again vote on the matter for a minimum period of 3 years from the date of installation of fluoride.** The Public Utilities Commission, upon application, shall determine and

allocate the cost of such fluoridation among the customers of such public utility or agency and shall from time to time review such determination and allocation as required.'