

House Bill 884

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 73rd, Turner of the 21st, Caldwell of the 131st, Stover of the 71st, Williams of the 145th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-5-175 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 fluoridation of public water systems, state funds for cost of fluoridation equipment,
3 chemicals, and materials, and tax deduction for fluoride-removing devices, so as to provide
4 that communities may impose or remove fluoridation by referendum under certain
5 circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 12-5-175 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fluoridation
10 of public water systems, state funds for cost of fluoridation equipment, chemicals, and
11 materials, and tax deduction for fluoride-removing devices, is amended by revising
12 subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a) The Board of Natural Resources shall have the power to require, by regulation,
14 fluoridation of potable public water supplies in incorporated communities lying wholly
15 within this state, provided that in no case should such fluoridation be required at a level
16 greater than one part per million parts of water; provided, further, that any municipality or
17 county and its water system can remove themselves from or include themselves under the
18 terms of this part by referendum called by petition of 10 percent of the registered voters in
19 such political subdivision who voted in the last general election resolution of the governing
20 authority of such municipality or county. ~~This applies to a referendum for or against~~
21 ~~fluoridation."~~

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.