

By Mr. Chmura of Holyoke, petition of Edward R. Greenwood that provision be made for a referendum in cities, towns or districts on the question of fluoridation of public water supplies. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES
IN CITIES, TOWNS OR DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 41B, inserted by chapter 254 of the acts of 1958,
3 the following new section:—

4 *Section 41C.* Upon petition of five per cent of the registered
5 voters of said city, town or district, which has already fluoridated
6 its domestic water system, the following question shall be placed
7 upon the official ballot to be used at the next regular municipal
8 election or for the election of town officers at the next annual
9 town meeting or meetings:—“Shall the fluoridation of the
10 public water supply for domestic use in (this city) (this town)
11 (the towns of and), be discontinued?”, or in
12 such district may require that the following question be placed
13 before the next annual meeting of the inhabitants of the dis-
14 trict:—

15 “Shall the fluoridation of the public water supply for domestic
16 use in this district be discontinued?”

17 If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the
18 affirmative, it shall be deemed and taken to be the will of the
19 voters of the said city, town or towns or district that fluoridation
20 of the public water supply for domestic use shall be discontinued,
21 and if a majority of said votes is in the negative, it shall be deemed
22 and taken to be the will of said voters that such supply shall
23 continue to be fluoridated.

