

19-3521a. Chlorination and fluoridation of water supply of district, when; notice; election provisions; fluoridation standards.

The governing body of any water district created and operating under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-3501 to 19-3521, and amendments thereto, may provide for the chlorination and fluoridation of the public water supply of such water district and such other processing of the public water supply in said district as the board may determine to be advisable for the purpose of improving the public water supply, except that before such public water supply shall be fluoridated: (a) The board shall publish a notice once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the water district stating its intent to fluoridate such water supply and, if within ten (10) days after the last publication of such notice, a petition opposing the fluoridation of said water supply, signed by a number of qualified registered electors of the water district at least equal to five percent (5%) of the total number of votes cast in said water district at the last preceding general election for the office of secretary of state, is filed with the water district board of the water district, then the board shall not fluoridate said water supply unless and until the proposition to fluoridate said water supply is submitted to a vote of the electors of the district at a regular election of members of the board of the water district and a majority of those voting on the proposition shall have voted in favor thereof; or (b) the board may, if it so determines and publishes a notice of such determination as provided under (a) herein, submit the proposition to fluoridate said water to a vote of the electors of the district at a regular election of members of the board of the water district; or (c) upon a petition proposing the fluoridation of said water supply signed by a number of registered legal electors of the water district at least equal to five percent (5%) of the total number of votes cast in said water district at the last preceding general election for the office of secretary of state being filed with the water district board requesting that the proposition to fluoridate said water be submitted to a vote, the board shall publish a notice of the filing of such petition as provided under (a) herein and shall so submit the proposition to fluoridate said water to a vote of the electors of the district at a regular election of members of the board of the water district; and (d) the board shall be bound by the vote of the majority of those voting on the proposition at any election as herein provided. Such election shall be governed by the provisions of K.S.A. 19-3507 insofar as the same can be made applicable and the proposition shall be stated on the ballot in the following form:

"Shall the governing body of water district No. ____ of _____ county fluoridate the public water supply of said water district?"

Yes
No

If the board shall fluoridate the public water supply of said district it shall be in accordance with the recommendations and standards of the secretary of health and environment.

History: L. 1965, ch. 383, § 1; L. 1975, ch. 462, § 26; July 1.