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HOUSE BILL NO. 119

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 640, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to public water systems, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 640, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 640.136, to read as follows:

3 **640.136. Any public water system, as defined in section 640.102, or public water**
4 **supply district, as defined in chapter 247, which intends to permanently cease fluoridation**
5 **of its water supply shall notify the department of natural resources, the department of**
6 **health and senior services, and its customers of its intentions at least ninety days prior to**
7 **any vote on the matter. The public water system or public water supply district shall**
8 **notify its customers via radio, television, newspaper, regular mail, electronic means, or any**
9 **combination of notification methods to most effectively notify customers at least ninety**
10 **days prior to any meeting at which the vote will occur. Any public water system or public**
11 **water supply district that violates the notification requirements of this section shall**
reinstate fluoridation of its water supply until proper notification is provided under the
provisions of this section.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that agencies and interested
2 individuals are notified of proposed changes to the public water supply, section A of this act is
3 deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety,
4 and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section
5 A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.