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Gretna voters narrowly approve fluoride in water

Gretna water customers have something to smile about, but just barely.

A strangely written ballot question Tues-day required the following introduction in bold face type: "PLEASE READ CAREFUL-LY. The decision — add fluoride to the water or not."

Just six votes separated yes from no.

And in this case, a "no" vote meant "yes" — add the fluoride to the water. In total, 264 of 522 voters chose fluoride.

The vote was the city's second on the ques-tion and was needed after a state law was passed that requires fluoride unless voters say otherwise.