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Text of Proposal:

Colorado Secretary of State

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

Section 5 of article XVI of the constitution of the state of Colorado is amended to read:

Section 5. Water of streams public property. The water of every natural stream, not heretofore appropriated, within the State of Colorado, is hereby declared to be the property of the public, and the same is dedicated to the use of the people of the state, subject to appropriation as hereinafter provided. ANY RIGHT GRANTED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE USE OF THE WATER OF A NATURAL STREAM WHILE THE WATER OVERLIES PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSTITUTES A PERMANENT OCCUPATION OF THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY BY THAT RIGHT GRANTED TO THE PUBLIC, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PUBLIC'S INTERMITTENT USE OF THAT RIGHT.

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