
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the withdrawal of water from a natural and scenic river or ground water for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing.

Present law allows a person or entity to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to withdraw running surface water.

Proposed law prohibits the withdrawal of water from a natural and scenic river for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing. Proposed law prohibits the secretary from entering into cooperative endeavor agreements for such withdrawals.

Present law requires the commissioner, through the office of conservation, to administer all matters related to the management of the state's ground water resources by providing for the most "advantageous use" of the resource consistent with the protection, conservation, and replenishment thereof.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to make rules, regulations, or orders to prohibit the withdrawal of ground water for the purpose of conducting hydraulic fracturing stimulation for the exploration or production of hydrocarbons.

(Adds R.S. 30:961(L) and R.S. 38:3097.3(C)(11))