## CHAPTER 29

## APPROPRIATION PROTECTION OF WATERS

(S. B. No. 417, by Senators Colwell, Bashor and Morrison)

## AN ACT

TO ENABLE THE STATE OF COLORADO TO PROTECT THE WATERS OF ITS NATURAL STREAMS AND TO MAINTAIN THE RIGHT OF APPROPRIATION AND USE OF SUCH WATERS FOR BENEFICIAL PURPOSES WITHIN THIS STATE AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR OF THE FIRST CLASS.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. For the purpose of paying the expenses of the Executive Department of the State of Colorado in making necessary investigations and in preparing for defense and defending and protecting certain rights, suits and actions, or any of them, and to meet the expenses of any suit which may be brought and prosecuted by any other state or by the citizens of any other state against the State of Colorado or its citizens, and to meet the expenses incident to the prosecution of any suit that may be instituted by the State of Colorado for the protection of the right to use the waters of the natural streams of Colorado for domestic, irrigation or power purposes, whenever threatened, and for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the State of Colorado in preparing for and participating in any interstate

Purposes

Appropriation

commission authorized for the purpose of negotiating interstate compacts or agreements respecting the use and disposition of the waters of Colorado streams, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes herein provided.

Of first class

Section 2. This shall be an appropriation of the first class and may be used either within or without the State. It shall be under the control and direction of the Governor and the Attorney General of this State, and upon vouchers approved by them, warrants shall be drawn by the Auditor of State in the ordinary manner.

Payments

Section 3. The General Assembly hereby finds, determines and declares that this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

Safety clause

Section 4. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists; therefore, this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Emergency

Approved April 2, 1921.