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COMMENTS

Water Rights in Louisiana

The recent adoption of legislation regulating water usage in certain sections of Louisiana has resulted in considerable confusion as to the exact principles which are to be applied in matters relating to the consumption of water. It is the purpose of this Comment to examine the principles of water law embodied in the Louisiana Civil Code¹ and to indicate how these Code principles have been affected by the recent legislation. It will be helpful in this respect to consider the policies concerning water rights which have been applied in common law jurisdictions, as many water problems are solved by interstate compact. Also, an analysis of common law methods may be helpful as a reference should a comprehensive scheme of water regulation be attempted in this state.

1. For additional treatment of the subject, see Comment, 29 TUL. L. REV. 554 (1955).