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82a-706. Duties of chief engineer as to beneficial use and rights of priority of appropriation. The chief engineer shall enforce and administer the laws of this state pertaining to the beneficial use of water and shall control, conserve, regulate, allot and aid in the distribution of the water resources of the state for the benefits and beneficial uses of all of its inhabitants in accordance with the rights of priority of appropriation. History: L. 1945, ch. 390, § 6; L. 1957, ch. 539, § 8; June 29.