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## **Chapter 32 Legal Personhood**

### **63G-32-101 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Body of water" means any natural or man-made accumulation of water, regardless of whether the accumulation of water is static or subject to a force that causes a hydrological current.
- (2) "Governmental entity" means:
  - (a) a court;
  - (b) the Legislature;
  - (c) the legislative body of a political subdivision; or
  - (d) another entity of the state or a political subdivision, if the entity has adjudicatory or rulemaking authority.
- (3) "Human being" means a member of the species classified as *Homo sapiens*;
- (4) "Land" means the solid terrestrial surface or subsurface of the earth.
- (5) "Legal personhood" means:
  - (a) the legal rights and obligations of an individual under the laws of this state; or
  - (b) the legal rights and obligations of a person other than an individual under the laws of this state.
- (6) "Political subdivision" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63G-7-102.
- (7) "Real property" means any building, fixture, improvement, appurtenance, structure, or other development that is affixed permanently to land.
- (8) "State" means the same as that term is defined in Section 63G-7-102.

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### **63G-32-102 Legal personhood restricted.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a governmental entity may not grant legal personhood to, nor recognize legal personhood in:

- (1) artificial intelligence;
- (2) an inanimate object;
- (3) a body of water;
- (4) land;
- (5) real property;
- (6) atmospheric gases;
- (7) an astronomical object;
- (8) weather;
- (9) a plant;
- (10) a nonhuman animal; or
- (11) any other member of a taxonomic domain that is not a human being.

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