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## **Representative Rob Brooks' Adverse Possession Bill Signed into Law**

**Madison, WI**—Today, Governor Walker signed Senate Bill 314 that I coauthored with Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison), into law. Earlier this year, Senate Bill 314 was approved by both houses of the legislature with broad bipartisan support.

Senate Bill 314 is simple: it explicitly clarifies that adverse possession does not apply to publically-owned property," said Representative Rob Brooks. "This is a common-sense, bipartisan piece of legislation and I am grateful for the support of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their support of SB 314,"

This bill eliminates adverse possession of government property in Wisconsin. Under Senate Bill 314, no property belonging to a state or municipal government, school district, sewage commission, or any other unit of government in Wisconsin, may be obtained by adverse possession. Additionally, AB 314 prohibits public entities and local units of government from adversely possessing privately-owned property. As such, this legislation is a win-win for local units of government and Wisconsin property owners.

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