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Representative Brooks' Riparian Rights bill signed into law

Madison, WI—On Friday, June 18, Governor Evers signed into law Senate Bill 46, relating to riparian rights, authored by Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) and Senator Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond).

Senate Bill 46 reaffirms the time-honored precept that property rights are sacred and worthy of protection. The bill is a direct repudiation of the Wisconsin Supreme Court's ruling in *Movrich v. Lobermaier* (2018), that the public trust doctrine does not allow a landowner whose deed does not explicitly grant access to the waterbed of flowage, the ability to erect and maintain a pier.

"Senate Bill 46 is one of the most substantial pieces of legislation enacted into law during my tenure in the legislature, as it allows property owners to exercise all riparian rights to their property. More important, the bill makes property rights a priority," said Representative Brooks.

Senate Bill 46 establishes that landowners, whose property abuts a flowage or artificial waterway, be afforded the ability to exercise all riparian rights established under law, unless the property states otherwise.

"This bill is a win-win for Wisconsin property owners," Representative Brooks stated. Brooks continued, "I was honored to work with Senator Stafsholt on this consequential piece of legislation. Senate Bill 46 solidifies more than one-hundred-forty years of law: that owners of waterfront property have riparian rights. I remain committed to advancing legislation designed to protect individual rights, personal liberty, property rights, and freedom," Representative Brooks stated.

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