



2015 SENATE BILL 282

September 30, 2015 - Introduced by Senators COWLES, LASEE and HANSEN, cosponsored by Representatives MACCO, STEFFEN, JACQUE, NYGREN, KITCHENS, A. OTT, GENRICH, MURPHY, KNODL and ALLEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

- 1 **AN ACT to affect** Laws of 1977, chapter 15, sections 2 and 3; **relating to:** granting
2 Brown County certain submerged lands in Green Bay.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill conveys a lake bed area to Brown County for certain public purposes.

Under chapter 15, Laws of 1977, this state conveyed to Brown County a submerged parcel of land on the bed of Green Bay. That law conveyed the land to be used by Brown County for public slips, basins, docks, wharves, structures, wildlife refuges, recreation, and park purposes. This bill conveys an additional parcel of submerged land to Brown County for the same purposes. The additional parcel is contiguous to the parcel originally conveyed to Brown County under chapter 15, Laws of 1977.

This bill also limits the purposes for which structures may be erected on the land conveyed to Brown County to those that facilitate public use of and access to the land, and construction and maintenance of the land or aids to navigation. The bill also prohibits Brown County from conveying all or any part of the land to any person other than this state, a political subdivision of this state, or a special purpose district of this state.

Because this bill concerns a conveyance of a lake bed area, the Department of Natural Resources, as required by law, will prepare a detailed report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** Laws of 1977, chapter 15, sections 2 and 3 are created to read:

2 [Laws of 1977, chapter 15] Section 2. In addition to the lands granted and ceded
3 to Brown County under SECTION 1 of this act, there is also granted and ceded to Brown
4 County to be held and used by the county for public slips, basins, docks, wharves,
5 structures, wildlife refuges, recreation, and park purposes all the right, title, and
6 interest of this state in the submerged land located northerly of and adjacent to
7 Private Claim Number 46, East Side of Fox River, City of Green Bay, Brown County,
8 Wisconsin, constituting the bed of said bay, bounded and described as follows:
9 commencing at an angle point on the south line of said Private Claim Number 46
10 being Brown County Point Number 41R/S-6/7; thence N 64 degrees 39 minutes 47
11 seconds W along the south line of said Private Claim 4,597.34 feet to the west line
12 of vacated Sauk Avenue extended southerly; thence N 25 degrees 13 minutes 56
13 seconds E along said line extended 621.08 feet to a bulkhead line of the bay of Green
14 Bay and the point of beginning. Thence N 65 degrees 44 minutes 44 seconds W 116.85
15 feet along said bulkhead line; thence N 32 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds E 706.64
16 feet to the southerly boundary line of the submerged lands granted to Brown County
17 under SECTION 1 of this act; thence S 65 degrees 44 minutes 44 seconds E 252.37 feet
18 along said southerly line; thence S 32 degrees 07 minutes 00 seconds W 706.64 feet
19 to the said bulkhead line; thence N 65 degrees 44 minutes 44 seconds W along said
20 bulkhead line 135.52 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 4.06 acres,
21 more or less.

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1 Section 3. Brown County may erect structures on the land granted under this
2 act that are limited to facilitating public use of and access to the land, construction
3 and maintenance of aids to navigation, and construction and maintenance of the
4 land. Brown County may not convey all or any part of, any rights to, or any interest
5 in the land granted under this act to any person other than this state, a political
6 subdivision of this state, or a special purpose district of this state. If Brown County
7 conveys the land granted under this act as authorized under this section, the grantee
8 shall comply with this section.

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