



2019 SENATE BILL 501

October 18, 2019 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, TIFFANY, BEWLEY, CRAIG, OLSEN, STROEBEL and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives STAFSHOLT, FELZKOWSKI, DITTRICH, EDMING, KRUG, KUGLITSCH, MAGNAFICI, MURSAU, QUINN, SANFELIPPO, TAUCHEN and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 30.132 of the statutes; **relating to:** the presumption of riparian
2 rights on navigable waterways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that the owner of land that abuts a navigable waterway is presumed to be a riparian owner and is entitled to exercise all rights afforded to a riparian owner unless those rights are specifically prohibited by the deed to the land.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 30.132 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **30.132 Presumption of riparian rights.** An owner of land that abuts a
5 navigable waterway is presumed to be a riparian owner and is entitled to exercise
6 all rights afforded to a riparian owner, subject to the requirements of this chapter,
7 including the right to place a pier, other structures, or deposits, even if the bed of the

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1 waterway is owned in whole or in part by another, unless those rights are specifically
2 prohibited by the deed to the land.

3 (END)