

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB40**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman**

**Committee: Natural Resources**

**Date of Hearing: February 23, 2023**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 40 seeks to adopt the Riparian Protection and Water Quality Practices Act; and to provide an operative date. It is the purpose of the Riparian Protection and Water Quality Practices Act to utilize riparian buffers and water quality practices to help purify the public waters and ground water of this state from nitrates, pesticides, and other chemical contaminants. The department of natural resources shall have the authority and responsibility to implement and administer the act.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Carol Blood**