

1 SB282
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3 By Senators Albritton, Williams and Livingston
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Alabama Forestry Commission; to
12 exempt timber lands from local fire district service charges
13 and fees; to assign responsibility for the control and
14 coordination of fire prevention, fire protection and fire
15 fighting services in the state to the Alabama Forestry
16 Commission.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. (a) A local fire district shall not be
19 authorized to assess any type of fees or dues upon forest land
20 that is treated as timber land for ad valorem tax purposes.

21 (b) The authority and responsibility for the control
22 and coordination of fire prevention, fire protection and fire
23 fighting services on land treated as timber land for ad
24 valorem tax purposes shall be under the jurisdiction of the
25 Alabama Forestry Commission.

26 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a forest
27 land owner from voluntarily entering into an agreement with a

1 local fire district to provide fire protection services for a
2 negotiated fee.

3 (d) Nothing in this section shall invalidate a
4 negotiated dues structure implemented by resolution by a fire
5 district prior to this section becoming effective.

6 Section 2. This act shall become effective
7 immediately following its passage and approval by the
8 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 30
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.