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8 SYNOPSIS: Under current law, certain fire districts  
9 are authorized to assess service charges or fees  
10 for fire protection service.

11 This bill would exempt timber lands from  
12 fire district service charges or fees and place the  
13 responsibility for the control and coordination of  
14 fire prevention, fire protection and fire fighting  
15 services under the Alabama Forestry Commission.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to the Alabama Forestry Commission; to  
22 exempt timber lands from local fire district service charges  
23 and fees; to assign responsibility for the control and  
24 coordination of fire prevention, fire protection and fire  
25 fighting services in the state to the Alabama Forestry  
26 Commission.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

4                   (b) The authority and responsibility for the control  
5 and coordination of fire prevention, fire protection and fire  
6 fighting services on land treated as timber land for ad  
7 valorem tax purposes shall be under the jurisdiction of the  
8 Alabama Forestry Commission.

9                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
10 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
11 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.