

1 HB186
2 135752-1
3 By Representative Laird
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the state, a county, a
9 municipality, or other governmental entity or
10 political subdivision may donate property to a
11 volunteer fire department or rescue squad for
12 public use. Existing law provides that if the
13 donated property is to be disposed of, the property
14 shall be returned to the agency where it was
15 obtained.

16 This bill would authorize a volunteer fire
17 department or rescue squad to dispose of donated
18 property unless the donating agency or entity
19 specifies otherwise.
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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 To amend Section 9-3-18 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
26 authorizing the state, a county, a municipality, or other
27 governmental entity to donate money and property to volunteer

1 fire departments and rescue squads, to further provide for the
2 disposal of property donated under certain conditions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1.

5 "§9-3-18.

6 "(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that this
7 section provides assistance to organized volunteer fire
8 departments and organized rescue squads including South
9 Alabama Air Rescue, Incorporated, and other nonprofit
10 organizations which provide air rescue services to the public.
11 The Legislature deems these organizations public in nature, as
12 they protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

13 "(b) The state, any county, any municipality, any
14 fire, water, sewer, garbage, or school district, or any other
15 public governmental entity or political subdivision may donate
16 money, property, equipment, or other thing of value to those
17 organizations deemed public in nature as specified in
18 subsection (a). ~~If disposed of, it will return to the agency~~
19 ~~where it was obtained. Unless the donating agency or entity~~
20 specifies otherwise at the time of donation, the organization
21 receiving the donation may dispose of any property received
22 under this section."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.