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3 By Senators Albritton, Williams and Livingston
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to the Alabama Forestry Commission; to
6 exempt timber lands from local fire district service charges
7 and fees; to assign responsibility for the control and
8 coordination of fire prevention, fire protection and fire
9 fighting services in the state to the Alabama Forestry
10 Commission.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

15 (b) The authority and responsibility for the control
16 and coordination of fire prevention, fire protection and fire
17 fighting services on land treated as timber land for ad
18 valorem tax purposes shall be under the jurisdiction of the
19 Alabama Forestry Commission.

20 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a forest
21 land owner from voluntarily entering into an agreement with a
22 local fire district to provide fire protection services for a
23 negotiated fee.

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

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 14-MAY-19

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 28-MAY-19

By: Senator Albritton