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

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

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
Section 1. (a) A local fire district shall not be authorized to assess any type of fees or dues upon forest land that is treated as timber land for ad valorem tax purposes.

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

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