SB282
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By Senators Albritton, Williams and Livingston
RFD: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
First Read: 16-APR-19
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.

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

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

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

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Yeas 30
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.