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CHAPTER 25.

 FORESTRY DISTRICTS

**SECTION 48‑25‑10.** Establishment of forestry districts for fire protection.

 There are hereby created and established forty‑six several respective forestry districts for fire protection of the forests of South Carolina. Each of the several respective forestry districts shall be composed of one of the several respective counties of the State of South Carolina, and shall be as follows and so numbered and designated, to wit:

 Forestry District No. 1..... ..............Abbeville

 County

 Forestry District No. 2..... ..................Aiken

 County

 Forestry District No. 3..... ..............Allendale

 County

 Forestry District No. 4..... ...............Anderson

 County

 Forestry District No. 5..... ................Bamberg

 County

 Forestry District No. 6..... ...............Barnwell

 County

 Forestry District No. 7..... ...............Beaufort

 County

 Forestry District No. 8..... ...............Berkeley

 County

 Forestry District No. 9..... ................Calhoun

 County

 Forestry District No. 10.... .............Charleston

 County

 Forestry District No. 11.... ...............Cherokee

 County

 Forestry District No. 12.... ................Chester

 County

 Forestry District No. 13.... ...........Chesterfield

 County

 Forestry District No. 14.... ..............Clarendon

 County

 Forestry District No. 15.... ...............Colleton

 County

 Forestry District No. 16.... .............Darlington

 County

 Forestry District No. 17.... .................Dillon

 County

 Forestry District No. 18.... .............Dorchester

 County

 Forestry District No. 19.... ..............Edgefield

 County

 Forestry District No. 20.... ..............Fairfield

 County

 Forestry District No. 21.... ...............Florence

 County

 Forestry District No. 22.... .............Georgetown

 County

 Forestry District No. 23.... .............Greenville

 County

 Forestry District No. 24.... ..............Greenwood

 County

 Forestry District No. 25.... ................Hampton

 County

 Forestry District No. 26.... ..................Horry

 County

 Forestry District No. 27.... .................Jasper

 County

 Forestry District No. 28.... ................Kershaw

 County

 Forestry District No. 29.... ..............Lancaster

 County

 Forestry District No. 30.... ................Laurens

 County

 Forestry District No. 31.... ....................Lee

 County

 Forestry District No. 32.... ..............Lexington

 County

 Forestry District No. 33.... .................Marion

 County

 Forestry District No. 34.... ...............Marlboro

 County

 Forestry District No. 35.... ..............McCormick

 County

 Forestry District No. 36.... ...............Newberry

 County

 Forestry District No. 37.... .................Oconee

 County

 Forestry District No. 38.... .............Orangeburg

 County

 Forestry District No. 39.... ................Pickens

 County

 Forestry District No. 40.... ...............Richland

 County

 Forestry District No. 41.... .................Saluda

 County

 Forestry District No. 42.... ............Spartanburg

 County

 Forestry District No. 43.... .................Sumter

 County

 Forestry District No. 44.... ..................Union

 County

 Forestry District No. 45.... ...........Williamsburg

 County

 Forestry District No. 46.... ...................York

 County

 Each forestry district enumerated and designated herein shall have the same territory and territorial boundaries as the county which it represents and in which it is located.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 29‑30.11; 1964 (53) 1867.

**SECTION 48‑25‑20.** Enactment of fire protection laws by General Assembly.

 The General Assembly may enact fire protection laws to protect the forests in each of the several respective forestry districts of the State as herein enumerated and designated and as authorized and provided by the amendment to Section 34 of article III, of the State Constitution of 1895, ratified February 13, 1963, by Act No. 28, "An Act To Ratify The Amendment To Section 34 of Article III Of the Constitution Of This State, Relating To The Prohibition Of Special Laws, So As To Empower The General Assembly To Divide The State Into Forestry Districts And To Enact Legislation For The Protection Of Forestry In The Districts," Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, 1963, page 23.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 29‑30.12; 1964 (53) 1867.

**SECTION 48‑25‑30.** Combination of districts into compact forestry districts.

 The General Assembly may combine any two or more of the forestry districts herein enumerated and designated into a compact forestry district and likewise may combine a forestry district or forestry districts with a compact forestry district and, also compact forestry districts with compact forestry districts. Provided, that the forestry districts or the compact forestry districts so combined, as herein provided, are contiguous. Provided, further , that the fire protection laws of the forests of any compact forestry district are equal and uniform throughout such compact forestry district. The first compact forestry district created and established by combining two or more contiguous forestry districts, as herein provided, for fire protection of the forests of such compact forestry district by equal and uniform fire protection laws of the forests throughout the compact forestry district shall be designated and enumerated as Compact Forestry District No. 1, and any following compact forestry districts shall be successively designated and enumerated in numerical order. The remaining forestry districts each composed of a single county shall be renumbered appropriately in successive numerical order as herein provided.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 29‑30.13; 1964 (53) 1867.

**SECTION 48‑25‑40.** Laws applicable to all forestry and compact forestry districts.

 The State laws in force on March 6, 1964 affecting forestry shall, until changed, apply to all of the forestry districts and compact forestry districts of the State, except where otherwise specified, and all laws of the State thereafter enacted shall apply to the entire State except where otherwise specified.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 29‑30.15; 1964 (53) 1867.

**SECTION 48‑25‑50.** Duty of law enforcement officers to enforce forestry laws.

 It shall be the positive duty of all sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, rural policemen, and special officers to actively cooperate with the South Carolina Commission of Forestry and the State Forester in the enforcement of the forestry laws of the State.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 29‑30.16; 1964 (53) 1867.