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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:

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|  | 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.