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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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.