May 18, 2010

H 1856. COLUMBUS COUNTY/FIRE DISTRICT SUPPORT FEES. Filed 5/18/10. TO AMEND THE FEES THAT MAY BE ASSESSED TO SUPPORT FIRE DISTRICTS IN COLUMBUS COUNTY.

Amends GS 153A-236, as it applies to Columbus County pursuant to Chapter 883 of SL 1991, Section 2 of Chapter 617 of SL 1993, and Chapter 61 of SL 1995, to modify the maximum fees that may be imposed by the county for the cost of providing fire protection services (defined to include emergency medical, rescue, and ambulance services) within a fee-supported fire district. Replaces provisions that set a fixed fee for each type of property regardless of value (one fee for a single-family dwelling, another for a multiple-family dwelling, one for an animal and horticultural operation, and one for a commercial facility) with a fee structure based on the tax value of the property. Fee scale ranges from \$50 for property with a tax value no greater than \$25,000 to \$700 for property with a tax value above \$600,000. Intro. by Hill.