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Date: May 12, 2015

To: Members of the Senate

From:  Cynthia Bridges, Executive Director

RE: **SB 802 (Committee on Governance and Finance): 911 Surcharge Housekeeping Measure Board of Equalization- SPONSORED**

The Members of the State Board of Equalization (BOE) are **SPONSORING** Senate Bill 802 which makes conforming and technical changes to the **Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services (MTS) Surcharge Act and the Emergency Telephone Users (911) Surcharge Act**. In 2014, AB 1717 (Ch. 885, Stats. 2014) enacted the Prepaid MTS Surcharge Act, Local Prepaid MTS Collection Act, and made correlated changes to the 911 Surcharge Act.

The BOE is in the process of implementing AB 1717. During the implementation process, staff discovered provisions that need revision and conformity. This measure makes those changes.

Specifically, SB 802 (1) revises the date by which the Office of Emergency Services must notify the BOE of the new 911 surcharge rate from October 15 to October 1, and (2) requires the BOE to notify service suppliers of the new 911 surcharge rate by available means including, but not limited to, mail, electronic mail, and web site postings. These changes offer the following benefits:

- **Adequate time.** Provides the BOE the needed time to publish the new 911 surcharge rate in its minutes before the statutory deadline (November 15), and
- **Efficiency.** Allows for a more timely and efficient rate change notification to service suppliers.

The bill also makes conforming changes to the Prepaid MTS Surcharge Act and incorporates an urgency clause to allow for the bill's provisions to become effective immediately. An immediate effective date allows the BOE to move forward with its regulatory process for the Prepaid MTS Surcharge Act.

The BOE respectfully requests your **"AYE"** vote on **SB 802**.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this bill, please contact Michele Pielsticker, Chief, Legislation and Research Division, at (916) 322-2376.

cc: The Honorable Robert Hertzberg

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