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## **RETAILERS ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING FEE PROGRAM**

The California State Board of Equalization is encouraging retailers to register as sellers of electronic equipment to meet the requirements of a new state law according to Chairman John Chiang.

Beginning January 1, 2005, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 requires retailers who sell or lease new or refurbished televisions, computer monitors, laptop computers or other video display devices covered by the new state law to collect and remit the electronic waste recycling fee to the Board of Equalization.

While implemented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the Department of Toxic Substances Control; the Board of Equalization will register retailers and collect the recycling fees – which range from six to ten dollars per purchase. In the fall of 2004, the Board of Equalization sent special notices to retailers advising them of the recycling fee and urging them to register. Applications are available online at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov).

“We are asking those retailers responsible for collecting the new fee to register with the agency now, so we are ready to begin collecting the fee,” said Chairman Chiang. “Revenue from the fee will be used to help safely recycle video display devices, which contain hazardous materials.”

For additional information on the e-waste recycling fee program, visit the following websites: [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov), [www.ecycle.org](http://www.ecycle.org) or [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

Chairman John Chiang, of Los Angeles, was elected to his first term as Fourth District Member on the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. He was named Chair of the Board in December 2004. He also presided as Chair in 2002.

The five-member Board of Equalization is the only publicly elected tax commission in the nation. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District, Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District, and Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District. State Controller Steve Westly also serves as a member of the Board.

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