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## **NEW LAW AFFECTS ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS**

The State Board of Equalization (BOE) today announced that some California sales and use taxpayers have been notified about a change in [Electronic Fund Transfer](#) (EFT) payment requirements.

Assembly Bill 139, which was signed into law this July, lowered the threshold for mandatory EFT filing from the previous level of \$20,000 monthly.

Taxpayers with an average monthly liability of \$10,000 or more in sales and use tax will now be required to remit tax through EFT starting on January 1, 2006. These taxpayers will no longer be able to submit payment through paper checks.

EFT payments are made by authorizing an electronic transfer of funds from one account to another. Retailers who have qualifying average monthly tax liabilities were sent letters from the BOE notifying them of the new requirements.

Voluntarily participating in the EFT program is still an option for those with an average monthly liability of less than \$10,000. The BOE has allowed sales and use tax payments through EFT for over 10 years.

For more information, visit [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov) or call 800-400-7115.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board, and is comprised of Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chair John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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