AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO
MAINTAIN A DIRECTORY OF CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS; TO REQUIRE
STATE AGENCIES TO USE CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC RECYCLERS FOR DISPOSAL
OF E-WASTE AND RECYCLABLE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED
PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Electronics" means a personal computer, computer
component, audio player, videocassette player, facsimile machine,
copy machine, cellular telephone, wireless paging device, or any
electronic item containing an intact or broken cathode-ray tube.
An electronic item containing a cathode-ray tube includes a
television, computer monitor, or any other cathode-ray tube
monitor or display device.

(b) "Recycler" means a person who uses, reuses or
reclaims obsolete electronic equipment and associated materials.

SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality
shall develop a program to encourage all electronic recyclers to
become certified by demonstrating to an accredited, independent
third-party auditor that they meet specific standards to safely
recycle and manage electronic equipment.

(2) The department shall maintain a directory of recyclers
meeting the accredited certification standards of Responsible
Recycling Practices (R2) and the e-Stewards Standards and any
recyclers who have been certified by an accredited, independent
certification auditor listed by the ANSI-ASQ National
Accreditation Board (ANAB) as an organization that certifies
recyclers to available recycling standards.

(3) State agencies shall use a certified recycler on the
directory for the disposal of agency electronics.

(4) The Department of Environmental Quality and state
agencies shall comply with this section no later than July 1,
2014.

(5) This section does not apply to the donation of
electronics to public schools, state agencies, local governments
or nonprofit organizations.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2013.