WSR 23-14-009 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SECRETARY OF STATE [Filed June 22, 2023, 10:24 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Elections, ballot review. Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 29A.04.611.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The office of the secretary of state intends to update and clarify procedures related to standards for the verification of signatures on ballot declarations.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Fina Ormond, P.O. Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-4146, fax 360-664-4619, email fina.ormond@sos.wa.gov, website sos.wa.gov/elections; or Victoria Donahue, P.O. Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-5788, fax 360-664-4619, email

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