WSR 23-07-063 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SECRETARY OF STATE [Filed March 10, 2023, 11:27 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Elections.

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: Clarification and refinement of WAC dedicated to standardizing procedures for voter intent in ballot marking. Alignment of administrative rules with changes to state law.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable. 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 victoria.donahue@sos.wa.gov, website sos.wa.gov/elections.

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