WSR 24-14-003 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SECRETARY OF STATE [Filed June 20, 2024, 3:50 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Elections.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 29A.04.611, 34.05.330, 42.17A.005.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The secretary of state received a rule-making petition under RCW 34.05.240 seeking to amend WAC 434-208-130. Amendment of this regulation could change the criteria for recognition of minor political parties for purposes of RCW 42.17A.005.

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 Dave Piersma, P.O. Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-4172, fax 360-664-4619, email dave.piersma@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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