

WSR 26-05-068  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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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: It is necessary to update WAC to reflect legislative  
changes and to update and clarify procedures.

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  
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