

WSR 26-08-051  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Procedures and requirements for elections of the office of conservation district supervisor for the purpose of populating and maintaining conservation district governing boards.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 89.08.040, 89.08.160, 89.08.190, and 89.08.200.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The conservation commission (commission) is proposing amending and adding rules on this subject to establish procedures pertaining to election of the office of conservation district supervisor, to clarify statutory language, and to provide statewide consistency in these procedures as implemented by affected parties including, but not limited to: Candidates, voters, conservation district officials, other local governments, and state agencies.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Regulating conservation district elections and other processes related to election of the office of conservation district supervisors, governed by chapter 89.08 RCW. The commission is the only agency authorized under chapter 89.08 RCW to adopt rules on this subject; there are no other state or federal agencies with which to coordinate.

Process for Developing New Rule: The commission has worked with, and will continue to work with, stakeholders to develop amendments and additional proposed rules. After the rule proposal publishes in the Washington State Register, the commission will hold a public hearing and provide a comment period to receive feedback on the proposal.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Bill Eller, P.O. Box 47721, Olympia, WA 98504-7721, phone 509-385-7512, fax 360-407-6215, TTY 1-800-833-6388, email [beller@scc.wa.gov](mailto:beller@scc.wa.gov), website <https://www.scc.wa.gov/>.

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