



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division

**Subject of possible rule making:** 2011 Legislation, definition of minor political party for purposes of campaign finance laws, ballot materials, PCO elections, certifying elections, and recounts.

**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:** Changes in state and federal law, litigation, improved clarity in procedures.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

Public Disclosure Commission  
Federal Voting Assistance Program

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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