



# 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:** Elections, voter registration, ballots, service and overseas voters, and initiatives and referenda.

**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:** Implementation of the new Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, clarification on what information must be provided when county canvassing boards certifying each gubernatorial election, clarification for initiative and referendum sponsors on what is required to appear on the petitions.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The Federal Voting Assistance Program and the federal Department of Justice.

**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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