PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (July 2022)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Office of the Secretary of State
☒ Original Notice
☐ Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
☐ Continuance of WSR _____

☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR _23-05-070_; or
☐ Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or
☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) WAC 434-112: CORPORATIONS AND CHARITIES DIVISION PROGRAM SERVICES, PROCEDURES AND FEES

Hearing location(s):

Date: Time: Location: (be specific) Comment:
June 27, 2023 10:00 AM Virtual: Microsoft Teams meeting: call in (audio only)
Meeting ID: 266 901 734 230 Passcode: 32GW2S
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Phone Conference ID: 443 816 603#

Date of intended adoption: June 28, 2023 (Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Submit written comments to:
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By (date) June 26, 2023

Assistance for persons with disabilities:
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Other:
By (date) June 25, 2023

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: Update and clarify Division filing procedures; correct and update RCW references; increase Annual Report filing fee and expedited service fees.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 11.110, 18.100, 19.77, 19.09, 23.86, 23.90, 23B.01, 24.03, 24.06, 25.10, 25.15, 43.07, 46.64. Current WACs do not accurately reflect the Division's online filing procedures; the Division has not increased fees in twelve years, and current revenue will not keep pace with rising personnel and administrative costs.

Statute being implemented:

Is rule necessary because of a:
☐ Federal Law? ☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ Federal Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ State Court Decision? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Type of proponent: ☐ Private ☐ Public ☒ Governmental
Name of proponent: (person or organization) Office of the Secretary of State
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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under **RCW 28A.305.135**?  □ Yes   ☒ No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

- **Name:**
- **Address:**
- **Phone:**
- **Fax:**
- **TTY:**
- **Email:**
- **Other:**

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under **RCW 34.05.328**?

□ Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

- **Name:**
- **Address:**
- **Phone:**
- **Fax:**
- **TTY:**
- **Email:**
- **Other:**

☒ No: Please explain: These rule changes to not fall under RCW 34.05.328(5)

**Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement**

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance (ORIA)](https://via.placeholder.com/400) provides support in completing this part.

(1) **Identification of exemptions:**

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, may be exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](https://via.placeholder.com/400)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](https://via.placeholder.com/400). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

□ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under **RCW 19.85.061** because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

□ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by **RCW 34.05.313** before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

□ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of **RCW 15.65.570(2)** because it was adopted by a referendum.

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under **RCW 19.85.025(3)**. Check all that apply:

- [ ] **RCW 34.05.310** (4)(b) (Internal government operations)
- [ ] **RCW 34.05.310** (4)(e) (Dictated by statute)
- [ ] **RCW 34.05.310** (4)(c) (Incorporation by reference)
- [x] **RCW 34.05.310** (4)(f) (Set or adjust fees)
- [x] **RCW 34.05.310** (4)(d) (Correct or clarify language)
- [ ] **RCW 34.05.310** (4)(g) (ii) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

□ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under **RCW 19.85.025(4)** (does not affect small businesses).

□ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

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Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule:

(2) Scope of exemptions: Check one.
☐ The rule proposal is fully exempt *(skip section 3)*. Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
☒ The rule proposal is partially exempt *(complete section 3)*. The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using this template from ORIA):
☐ The rule proposal is not exempt *(complete section 3)*. No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- ☒ No  Briefly summarize the agency’s minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. **The increase in cost to businesses will be ten dollars per year.**
- ☐ Yes  Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Fax:  
TTY:  
Email:  
Other:  

**Date:** 5/24/2023  
**Name:** Randy Bolerjack  
**Title:** Deputy Secretary of State  
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