Agency: Office of the Secretary of State

Effective date of rule:
Permanent Rules
☒ 31 days after filing.
☐ Other (specify) ______ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The purpose of this proposal is to update the process and standards for verifying ballot declaration signatures in a manner that reduces and ensures consistency in counties throughout the state. The rule is expected to result in fewer mistaken rejections of valid ballots.

Citation of rules affected by this order:
New: 
Repealed: 
Suspended: 

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 29A.04.611

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)
Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-10-116 on May 1, 2024 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: N/A

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:
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Other:
Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
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Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.

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Date Adopted: June 5, 2024

Name: Amanda Doyle

Title: Secretary of State Chief of Staff

Signature:

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