



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Office of the Secretary of State

**Subject of possible rule making:** Elections

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 29A.04.611, RCW 29A.40.111

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Substitute Senate Bill 6269 (2024) established the alternative verification options pilot project, allowing county auditors to test methods other than signature verification to verify that the person who returned a ballot was the intended voter. RCW 29A.40.111 establishes that the Secretary of State has rulemaking authority related to the approval process, standards, and procedures of the pilot project. This rulemaking process will establish those additional rules for standardized pilot projects.

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

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

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

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