PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of the Secretary of State

Subject of possible rule making: Random signature verification compliance on ballot return envelopes.

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: The purpose for this proposal is to establish rules for procedure in conducting random signature verification compliance checks to verify signature verification on ballot return envelopes is being completed in accordance with the standards in Chapter 434-261 WAC.

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)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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