RULE-MAKING ORDER
EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: December 05, 2025
TIME: 9:51 AM

WSR 26-01-021

Agency: Office of the Secretary of State

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

☒ Immediately upon filing.

☐ Later (specify) _____

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 rulemaking is to reiterate existing statute in RCW 29A.08.710 that detail which data in a voter registration record are public information and clarification that violation of this is subject to RCW 29A.84.150.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: WAC 434-324-145

Repealed:

Amended:

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 29A.04.611, RCW 29A.08.720

Other authority:

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

☒ That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.

☐ That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: Emergency rulemaking is necessary to immediately clarify statutory requirements and penalties to preserve voter privacy when responding to public records requests for information from the statewide voter registration database while the Office of the Secretary of State is proposing statutory clarification.

Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero. No descriptive text.

Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note. A section may be counted in more than one category.

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Federal rules or standards:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____

The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making: New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

Pilot rule making: New ____ Amended ____ Repealed ____

Other alternative rule making: New 1 Amended ____ Repealed ____

Date Adopted: December 5, 2025	**Signature:**
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