PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Senate Bill 5843 (2024) added a provision to RCW 29A.60.200 stating that the Secretary of State may examine a county's election materials and certify the county-level results if the county canvassing board refuses to certify the election without cause. The purpose of this rulemaking is to create administrative code detailing the procedure in such a situation.

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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