PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of the Secretary of State

Subject of possible rule making: Elections – Voter Intent

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 of this proposal is to clarify and refine voter intent determinations to standardize how certain marks on ballots are interpreted.

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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