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: When a ballot is returned to a Washington state county other than the voter's county of registration, the ballot is forwarded to the county of registration for processing. Rulemaking is necessary to clarify the steps and deadlines involved in this process for consistency.

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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