



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**DATE:** May 01, 2025

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**WSR** 25-10-046

**Agency:** Office of the Secretary of State

**Subject of possible rule making:** Election conduct and voter registration maintenance costs

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** 29A.04.611

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Office of the State Auditor's Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting System (BARS) Manual provides guidance to county election offices in allocating costs related to elections and voter registration. This rulemaking will clarify requirements to ensure consistency in BARS reporting statewide.

**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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