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The Office of the Secretary of State received a judgment from the Supreme Court on January 7, 2008, for initiative petition #109, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008. The judgment from the Supreme Court included a copy of the modified ballot title submitted to the court by the Attorney General's office.

The modified ballot title is as follows:

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Chief Petitioner(s): Phil Keisling, 3408 SE 8th Ave, Portland, OR 97202.

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