

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1036

By: Vaughn and Hamilton of
the House

and

Hendrick of the Senate

An Act relating to marriage; prohibiting the
recognition of common law marriage in Oklahoma;
providing exception; providing for codification;
and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3.2 of Title 43, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Except as otherwise provided for in this section, on and after
November 1, 1997, a common law marriage shall not be recognized as a
valid form of marriage in Oklahoma.

Any common law marriage recognized as valid in this state prior
to November 1, 1997, shall continue to be recognized as valid in
this state. A common law marriage recognized in another state shall
not be recognized as valid and binding in this state in accordance
with paragraph (3) of subsection (6) of Section 713 of Title 12 of
the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 1997.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President

of the Senate