

An Act relating to marriage and family; providing for covenant marriages; amending 43 O.S. 1991, Sections 1, 5, 6, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 1997, and 101 (43 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 6), which relate to marriage; including common law marriages; defining term; specifying conditions and process; providing for designation of covenant marriage on marriage applications; specifying contents; clarifying and updating language; providing for declarations of intent to contract a covenant marriage; providing contents and attachments; requiring certain counseling; providing for construction of section; authorizing certain exemption; providing for compliance with other marriage laws not in conflict; providing for execution of a declaration of intent to designate the marriage as a covenant marriage to married parties; providing for procedures; providing for declaration and contents; specifying grounds for termination of a covenant marriage; providing for development and printing of the "Guide for Covenant Marriages" by the Administrative Director of the Courts; providing for contents; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.