

An Act relating to marriage; amending 43 O.S. 1991, Sections 1, 5, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 174, O.S.L. 1999, 6, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 1997, and 101 (43 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 5 and 6), which relate to the marriage contract and license; defining term; specifying conditions and procedures for covenant marriage; providing for designation of covenant marriage on marriage applications; specifying contents of application; clarifying and updating language; providing for declarations of intent to enter into a covenant marriage; requiring counseling; stating construction; authorizing certain exemption; stating statutory application; providing for execution of a declaration of intent to designate a pre-existing marriage as a covenant marriage; providing procedures; providing for declaration and contents; specifying grounds for termination of a covenant marriage; requiring Administrative Director of the Courts to develop and print certain informational pamphlets and specifying contents; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.