

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1559

By: Denney

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

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

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

17 A. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, on and
18 after November 1, 2009, a common law marriage shall not be
19 recognized as a valid form of marriage in Oklahoma.

20 B. Any common law marriage recognized as valid by an Oklahoma
21 court of competent jurisdiction in this state prior to November 1,
22 2009, shall continue to be recognized as valid in this state.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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