

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1977

By: Garrison of the Senate

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

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

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

15 On and after November 1, 2010, a common-law marriage in this
16 state or any other state shall not be recognized as a valid form of
17 marriage in Oklahoma; provided, however, any common-law marriage
18 recognized as valid by a court of competent jurisdiction in this
19 state or any other state prior to November 1, 2010, shall continue
20 to be recognized as valid in this state. In no event shall this
21 section be construed to recognize as valid a marriage prohibited by
22 Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.
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