

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1977

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7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to marriage; prohibiting the
9 recognition of common-law marriage in Oklahoma;
10 providing exception; construing provision; providing
11 for codification; and 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 On and after November 1, 2010, a common-law marriage in this
18 state or any other state shall not be recognized as a valid form of
19 marriage in Oklahoma; provided, however, any common-law marriage
20 recognized as valid by a court of competent jurisdiction in this
21 state or any other state prior to November 1, 2010, shall continue
22 to be recognized as valid in this state. In no event shall this
23 section be construed to recognize as valid a marriage prohibited by
24 Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution.

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

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