

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE BILL 148

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

16 On and after November 1, 2011, a common-law marriage in this
17 state or any other state shall not be recognized as a valid form of
18 marriage in Oklahoma; provided, however, any common-law marriage
19 recognized as valid by a court of competent jurisdiction in this
20 state or any other state prior to November 1, 2011, shall continue
21 to be recognized as valid in this state. In no event shall this
22 section be construed to recognize as valid a marriage prohibited by
23 Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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