

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 HOUSE BILL 1070

By: Denney

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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.

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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 A. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, on and  
17 after November 1, 2013, a common law marriage shall not be  
18 recognized as a valid form of marriage in Oklahoma.

19 B. Any common law marriage recognized as valid by an Oklahoma  
20 court of competent jurisdiction in this state prior to November 1,  
21 2013, shall continue to be recognized as valid in this state.

22 C. This section shall not be construed to recognize as valid a  
23 marriage prohibited by Section 35 of Article II of the Oklahoma  
24 Constitution.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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