

THE STATE SENATE

Senate Bill No. 1977

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1977 - By: Garrison of the Senate and Faught of the
5 House.

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

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

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

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 2-16-10 - DO
24 PASS, As Coauthored.