

1 HB332
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3 By Representative Jones
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing case law, a common-law
9 marriage may be recognized as valid in Alabama if
10 certain conditions are met.

11 This bill would provide that a common-law
12 marriage may not be entered into in this state
13 after January 1, 2017. This bill would also provide
14 that an otherwise valid common-law marriage entered
15 into before January 1, 2017, would continue to be
16 valid.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To abolish common-law marriages entered into on or
23 after January 1, 2017; and to recognize certain common-law
24 marriages entered into before January 1, 2017.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) No common-law marriage may be entered
27 into in this state on or after January 1, 2017.

1 (b) An otherwise valid common-law marriage entered
2 into before January 1, 2017, shall continue to be valid in
3 this state.

4 Section 2. This act shall become effective January
5 1, 2017.