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Immorality-

Sct. 1st. Be it enacted by the general
assembly of the Territory of Arkansas.
That all persons living together
as Man & Wife without being first
Lawfully Married, are hereby declared
to be guilty of a Misdimeniour and an
conviction thereof in a court of record
by Indictment or conformation, shall
be fined by the court before which such
conviction shall be had in a Sum
not exceeding or be
imprisoned not exceeding
months or both at the discretion
of such court.

Sct. 2d. be it further enacted, that in
all such cases of Indictment it is
hereby declared sufficient evidence
to produce a conviction. On proving
the cohabitating of such Persons. or their
living together representing themselves
as Man and Wife, unless the Persons
so Indicted shall prove a lawful
Marriage and this burthen of proving such
marriage is hereby imposed on.

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Sct. 3d. Be it further enacted that this
act Shall take effect form an
after the passage thereof.