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2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR CARTER

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FAMILY LAW. Urges the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations relative to shared custody.

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations
3	regarding the feasibility of revisions to present laws to require physical custody of
4	children to be shared equally.
5	WHEREAS, present laws in Louisiana provide relative to a joint custody decree and
6	implementation order in child custody cases relative to joint custody of children; and
7	WHEREAS, the implementation order allocates the time periods during which each
8	parent shall have physical custody of the child so that the child is assured of frequent and
9	continuing contact with both parents; and
10	WHEREAS, present laws provide that to the extent feasible and considering the best
11	interest of the child, physical custody of children should be shared equally; and
12	WHEREAS, in a child custody proceeding in which joint custody is decreed,
13	physical custody of the children should be required to be shared equally, unless it is not in
14	the best interest of the child.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
16	does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make
17	recommendations regarding the feasibility of revisions to present laws to require physical
18	custody of children to be shared equally.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
a written report of its findings, together with any recommendations in the form of proposed
legislation, to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
Director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

## DIGEST 2016 Regular Session

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Requests the La. State Law Institute to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of revisions to present laws to require physical custody of children to be shared equally.

Requests a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than February 1, 2017.