

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana 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.

WHEREAS, present laws in Louisiana provide relative to a joint custody decree and implementation order in child custody cases relative to joint custody of children; and

WHEREAS, the implementation order allocates the time periods during which each parent shall have physical custody of the child so that the child is assured of frequent and continuing contact with both parents; and

WHEREAS, present laws provide that to the extent feasible and considering the best interest of the child, physical custody of children should be shared equally; and

WHEREAS, in a child custody proceeding in which joint custody is decreed, physical custody of the children should be required to be shared equally, unless it is not in the best interest of the child.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana 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.

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.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE