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<u>Present law</u> provides that in a proceeding in which joint custody is decreed, the court shall render a joint custody implementation order except for good cause shown.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the implementation order shall allocate 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.

<u>Present law</u> provides that to the extent it is feasible and in the best interest of the child, physical custody of the children should be shared equally.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but provides that physical custody of children shall be shared equally.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the court shall consider all relevant factors in determining the child's best interest as provided in <u>present law</u>.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 9:335(A)(2)(b))

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