

1 (1) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, in
2 addition to all other remedies available to a court to do
3 equity between the parties, or in a proceeding for disposition
4 of assets following a dissolution of marriage by a court which
5 lacked jurisdiction over the absent spouse or lacked
6 jurisdiction to dispose of the assets, the court shall set
7 apart to each spouse that spouse's nonmarital assets and
8 liabilities, and in distributing the marital assets and
9 liabilities between the parties, the court must begin with the
10 premise that the distribution should be equal, unless there is
11 a justification for an unequal distribution based on all
12 relevant factors, including:

13 (j) The failure or refusal of one spouse to remove a
14 barrier to the remarriage of the other spouse.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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18 SENATE SUMMARY

19 Defines the term "barrier to remarriage." Authorizes a
20 court to take into consideration the failure or refusal
21 of one spouse to remove a barrier to the remarriage of
22 the other spouse when considering the equitable
23 distribution of marital assets and liabilities.
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