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<b>Alabama</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	none	"equitable distribution" state	judicial discretion	favours joint	standard guidelines
<b>Alaska</b>	either spouse live in state	Can be fault or no-fault	judicial discretion	"equitable distribution" state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Arizona</b>	90 days	No-fault	parties may ask	community property state	judicial discretion	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Arkansas</b>	either spouse live in state	Can be fault or no-fault	no requirement	"equitable distribution" state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>California</b>	6 months	No-fault	30 day cooling off period if court thinks reconciliation is possible	community property state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	mandatory minimum, then discretionary
<b>Colorado</b>	90 days	No-fault	parties may ask	"equitable distribution" state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	discretionary with court
<b>Connecticut</b>	One spouse must live there 1 yr.	Can be fault or no-fault	mandatory	"equitable distribution" state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Delaware</b>	6 months	No-fault	court can order in contested cases	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	parties have equal duty to support
<b>Wash. D.C.</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	discretionary	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Florida</b>	6 months	No-fault	court can order in contested cases	equitable distribution state	discretionary, adultery considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Georgia</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	none	equitable distribution state	discretionary, adultery considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Hawaii</b>	3 months	No-fault	court can order in contested cases	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines

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<b>Idaho</b>	6 weeks	Can be fault or no-fault	20 day cooling off period, parties can ask	community property state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Illinois</b>	90 days	Can be fault or no-fault	discretionary	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Indiana</b>	6 months	No-fault	can order if reconciliation possible	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Iowa</b>	none if defendant lives there, otherwise, 1 yr.	No-fault	discretionary	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Kansas</b>	60 days	No-fault	parties may ask	equitable distribution state	can be awarded up to 121 months, w/extension	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Kentucky</b>	180 days	No-fault	can order if reconciliation possible	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Louisiana</b>	can be brought where either party lives	Can be fault or no-fault	yes if custody in issue	community property state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Massachusetts</b>	if grounds occurred outside state, 1 yr.	Can be fault or no-fault	can order if reconciliation possible	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	either party can get custody if no marital misconduct	standard guidelines
<b>Maryland</b>	if grounds occurred outside state, 1 yr.	Can be fault or no-fault	yes if custody in issue	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Maine</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	must order if reconciliation possible	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Michigan</b>	180 Days	No-fault	voluntary	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines

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<b>Minnesota</b>	180 days	No-fault	yes if custody in issue	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Mississippi</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	none	title state, but judicially adopts equitable distribution	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	discretionary with court
<b>Missouri</b>	90 days	No-fault	discretionary w/court	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Montana</b>	90 days	No-fault	yes where there are minor children or in contested cases	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	parenting plans adopted: best interests standard	standard guidelines
<b>Nebraska</b>	1 year	No-fault	mandatory	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Nevada</b>	6 weeks	No-fault	none	community property state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>New Hampshire</b>	both residents, or petitioner 1 yr.	Can be fault or no-fault	voluntary	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	joint custody presumed	standard guidelines
<b>New Jersey</b>	1 year	Can be fault or no-fault	none	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	awarded based on factors	standard guidelines
<b>New Mexico</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	yes if custody in issue	community property state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>New York</b>	depends on grounds and whether one or both live in state	Can be fault or no-fault	none	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>North Carolina</b>	6 months	No-fault	yes if custody in issue	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	awarded based on factors	discretionary with court
<b>North Dakota</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	yes if custody in issue	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines

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<b>Ohio</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	parties may ask	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	discretionary with court
<b>Oklahoma</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	yes if custody in issue	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Oregon</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	available in some cases	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	discretionary with court
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	can order if reconciliation possible	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Rhode Island</b>	1 year	Can be fault or no-fault	discretionary w/court	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>South Carolina</b>	depends on grounds and whether one or both live in state	Can be fault or no-fault	discretionary w/court	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	awarded based on factors	standard guidelines
<b>South Dakota</b>	No duration rqmt	Can be fault or no-fault	can order if reconciliation possible	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	judicial discretion, w/ best interests standard	standard guidelines
<b>Tennessee</b>	depends on grounds and whether one or both live in state	Can be fault or no-fault	parties may ask	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Texas</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	discretionary w/court	community property state	awarded based on specific factors	best interests of child standard	awarded based on factors
<b>Utah</b>	3 months	Can be fault or no-fault	parties may ask	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Vermont</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	available in some cases	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines

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<b>Virginia</b>	6 months	Can be fault or no-fault	none	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault considered only in certain cases	awarded based on factors	standard guidelines
<b>Washington</b>	No duration rqmt	No-fault	parties may ask	community property state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>West Virginia</b>	none if marriage performed there, otherwise, 1 yr.	Can be fault or no-fault	mandatory on parenting issues	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault can be considered	No specific factors: discretionary w/court	standard guidelines
<b>Wisconsin</b>	6 months	No-fault	discretionary w/court, or parties may ask	community property state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines
<b>Wyoming</b>	60 days	No-fault	yes if custody in issue	equitable distribution state	discretionary, fault not considered	best interests of child standard	standard guidelines







































































































































































































