

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law establishes the Dew Drop-America's Rock and Roll Museum as a facility in the parish of Orleans, within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (department). Provides that the museum shall research, collect, preserve, and present, as an educational resource, the music, recordings, pictures, documents, artifacts, objects of art, and the like that reflect the social, cultural, and economic history of rock and roll music in the state and in the Orleans Parish area in particular.

New law creates a board of directors to govern the museum. Grants the board powers typical of corporate bodies including the power to acquire and possess property, enter contracts, adopt bylaws, and elect officers. Provides that the board is comprised as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the lieutenant governor.
- (2) One member appointed by the LaSalle Cultural Corridor Commission.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor of New Orleans.
- (4) One member appointed by the New Orleans city council.
- (5) One member appointed by the board of trustees of the Recording Academy.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (7) The president of the Senate or his designee.
- (8) The members of the board as provided above shall appoint two additional members who represent cultural institutions or culture-sector industries in La.

Provides that appointed members serve four-year staggered terms.

New law requires the board to:

- (1) Meet at least three times a year at the call of the board chairman.
- (2) Adopt bylaws.
- (3) Establish and use an identifying seal pertaining to museum business.

New law authorizes the department to include in its annual budget request a request for funds necessary for support of the museum. Further requires the governor to include in the executive budget sufficient funding for the support of operations and maintenance of the museum and its exhibits.

New law authorizes the board, individually or in cooperation with a nonprofit corporation formed to support the museum, to solicit and accept funds and other property for the museum either as loans or donations and provides with respect thereto. Authorizes the museum to serve as the beneficiary of any public or private trust or insurance policy created for such purpose. Grants the board authority of deaccession with respect to any collection of the museum and in case of such deaccessions exempts the board from existing law relative to the sale or disposal of surplus property. Requires board policies and procedures to carry out such authority.

New law provides that unclaimed property loaned to or otherwise left with the museum shall become property of the museum after 10 years and after notice according to specified procedures. New law further provides that museum property may be loaned and museum collections shall be available for use in educational projects, subject to board approval.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 16, 2022).

(Adds R.S. 25:380.41-380.45 and R.S. 36:209(C)(5))