MUSEUMS/STATE MUSEUM: Establishes the Dew Drop-America's Rock and Roll Museum within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Add notice requirements applicable to property that was loaned to the museum, that has been held for more than 10 years, and that has not been claimed; retain proposed law regarding notice to owners of property deposited with the museum in a manner other than a loan.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law establishes the Dew Drop-America's Rock and Roll Museum as a facility in the parish of Orleans. 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.

Proposed law creates the board of directors of the museum to govern the museum. Provides that the board is comprised as follows:

(1) The lieutenant governor shall appoint one member.
(2) The LaSalle Cultural Corridor Commission shall appoint one member.
(3) The mayor of New Orleans shall appoint one member.
(4) The New Orleans city council shall appoint one member.
(5) The board of trustees of the Recording Academy shall appoint one member.
(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 appointed as provided above shall appoint two members who represent cultural institutions or culture-sector industries in La.

Proposed law provides that members serve four-year staggered terms without compensation.

Proposed 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.

Proposed law specifies that the board of directors is created as a body corporate and grants it powers typical of corporate bodies including the power to acquire and possess property, enter contracts, adopt bylaws, and elect officers.
Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism 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.

Proposed 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 present law relative to sale or disposal of surplus property. Requires board policies and procedures to carry out such authority.

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

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