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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 996 establishes undocumented and loaned property guidelines for museums. A museum seeking to acquire undocumented property it has held for seven or more years must publish two notices 90 days apart describing the property and the museum's intent in a local newspaper. If no claims are made within 90 days of the second notice, the museum gains title and ownership of the property.

A museum may also gain title to loaned property after the expiration of the loan and two years of no contact with the lender. The museum must notify the lender in writing or, if unreachable, publish a notice in a local newspaper. Lenders have two years to file claims for a property once ownership has been transferred to the museum. Museums must keep detailed records of loaned property for at least two years and inform lenders of any changes to the museum's contact information. If someone claims ownership of loaned property and proves their interest, the museum is not liable for returning the property to the original lender without a court order. Property loaned to a museum does not escheat to the state upon the owner's death but becomes the museum's property.

Museums may apply conservation measures to or dispose of undocumented or loaned property if necessary for preservation or safety, even without the lender's consent, under certain conditions.

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Fiscal Analysis

Engrossed SB 996 provides guidelines for museums related to taking ownership of undocumented or loaned property. Upon review, this measure has no direct fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

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Other Considerations

None.