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AN ACT to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the qualifica-  
tions of council members

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The New York city charter is amended by adding a new  
2     section 21-a to read as follows:  
3     S 21-A. RESIDENCE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. NO PERSON SHALL SERVE AS  
4     A MEMBER UNLESS HE OR SHE IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND, EXCEPT  
5     AS HEREINAFTER OTHERWISE PRESCRIBED, HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL  
6     DISTRICT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING HIS OR HER ELECTION  
7     AND CONTINUOUSLY THEREAFTER; IF ELECTED AT THE FIRST ELECTION NEXT ENSU-  
8     ING AFTER A READJUSTMENT OR ALTERATION OF DISTRICTS BECOMES EFFECTIVE, A  
9     PERSON, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER, MUST HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT  
10    OF THE BOROUGH IN WHICH THE COUNCIL DISTRICT IS CONTAINED FOR THE TWELVE  
11    MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING HIS OR HER ELECTION AND A RESIDENT OF THE  
12    DISTRICT UPON TAKING OFFICE AND CONTINUOUSLY THEREAFTER.  
13    S 2. This act shall effect immediately and shall apply to all members  
14    elected on or after the date it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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