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IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by M. of A. LUNSFORD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the uniform justice court act, in relation to allowing for justices to reside in any town, village or city within the same assembly district as the court such justice serves and establishing minimum educational requirements for certain town and village justices

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The uniform justice court act is amended by adding a new section 106-c to read as follows:

§ 106-c. Residency of justices.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any justice serving a term of office in a town, village or city court may reside in any town, village or city contained in whole or in part within the same assembly district as the court such justice serves.

§ 2. The uniform justice court act is amended by adding a new section 105-a to read as follows:

§ 105-a. Minimum educational requirements of certain town and village justices.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any town or village, may by a majority vote of the governing body of such town or village, require that any person who serves as a town or village justice be admitted to practice law in the state. Any change in the requirements for eligibility to serve as town or village justice shall take effect upon commencement of the next judicial term of office following the election after enactment of the local law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which 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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