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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to authorizing the council on the arts to designate Little Yemen as a cultural district

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

Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 3.05 of the arts and cultural affairs law, as added by chapter 677 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

11. To promote regions of cultural significance by providing cultural institutions within such regions grants, technical assistance, or other assistance authorized by this section as the council deems appropriate, including, but not limited to[~~,~~]**: (a)** East Harlem, also known as "El Barrio"[~~. This~~] **which shall be a** region [~~shall be~~] **in the city of New York** bounded by East 96th Street on the South, 5th Avenue on the West, East 125th Street on the North and the East River on the East**; and (b) "Little Yemen" which shall be a region in the city of New York bounded by White Plains Road on the South, Bronxdale Avenue on the North, Morris Park Avenue on the West, and Van Nest Avenue on the East**. The council may designate additional regions of cultural significance at its discretion but such regions shall be compact, contiguous, and have an identifiable cultural heritage which unites the region.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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