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Introduced by M. of A. TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Cities

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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