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AN ACT to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the qualifications of council members

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, 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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