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

Section 1. Section 3 of the public officers law is amended by adding a new subdivision 70 to read as follows:

70. In the county of Orleans, the provisions of this section requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state for which he or she shall be chosen or within which his or her official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding the office of assistant district attorney of the county of Orleans, provided that such person resides in the state of New York; except any assistant district attorney assuming the duties of the district attorney or acting district attorney upon the district attorney's inability to perform his or her duties shall, if they have not already, as soon as practical, establish a residence within the county of Orleans.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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