

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to deleting the  
citizenship requirement for holding civil office

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 3 of the public officers law, as  
2 amended by chapter 251 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. No person shall be capable of holding a civil office who shall not,  
5 at the time he or she shall be chosen thereto, have attained the age of  
6 eighteen years, except that in the case of youth boards, youth commis-  
7 sions, recreation commissions, or community boards in the city of New  
8 York only, members of such boards or commissions may be under the age of  
9 eighteen years, but must have attained the age of sixteen years on or  
10 before appointment to such youth board, youth commission, recreation  
11 commission, or community board in the city of New York, be [~~a citizen of~~  
12 ~~the United States,~~] a resident of the state, and if it be a local  
13 office, a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation  
14 of the state for which he or she shall be chosen, or within which the  
15 electors electing him or her reside, or within which his or her official  
16 functions are required to be exercised, or who shall have been or shall  
17 be convicted of a violation of the selective draft act of the United  
18 States, enacted May eighteenth, nineteen hundred seventeen, or the acts  
19 amendatory or supplemental thereto, or of the federal selective training  
20 and service act of nineteen hundred forty or the acts amendatory thereof  
21 or supplemental thereto. Where any other law imposes additional criteria  
22 for holding any civil office, those criteria shall apply to that office  
23 in addition to the requirements of this section.

24 § 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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