

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2021

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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