STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 14, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. ZINERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to authorizing the council on the arts to designate the Bedford Stuyvesant Cultural Arts District

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

Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 3.05 of the arts and cultural affairs law, as amended by chapter 323 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

11. To promote regions of cultural significance by providing cultural institutions within such regions grants, technical assistance, or other assistance authorized by this section as the council deems appropriate, including, but not limited to:

(a) East Harlem, also known as "El Barrio", this region shall be bounded by East 96th Street on the South, 5th Avenue on the West, East 125th Street on the North and the East River on the East; [~~and~~]

(b) the Harlem Renaissance Cultural District, this region shall be bounded by 110th Street on the South, the Hudson River on the West, 155th Street on the North and the 5th Avenue on the East**; and**

(c) the Bedford Stuyvesant Cultural Arts District, this region shall be bounded by Atlantic Avenue to the South, Flushing Avenue to the North, Nostrand Avenue to the West, and Ralph Avenue to the East.

The council may designate additional regions of cultural significance at its discretion but such regions shall be compact, contiguous, and have an identifiable cultural heritage which unites the region.

§ 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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