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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. LUCAS -- 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 Little Panama as a cultural district

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 3.05 of the arts and cultural  
2 affairs law, as added by chapter 677 of the laws of 2024, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 11. To promote regions of cultural significance by providing cultural  
5 institutions within such regions grants, technical assistance, or other  
6 assistance authorized by this section as the council deems appropriate,  
7 including, but not limited to<sup>7</sup>: (a) East Harlem, also known as "El  
8 Barrio"<sup>7</sup> ~~which shall be a~~ region ~~in the city of New~~  
9 York bounded by East 96th Street on the South, 5th Avenue on the West,  
10 East 125th Street on the North and the East River on the East; and (b)  
11 "Little Panama" which shall be a region in the city of New York located  
12 on Franklin Avenue from its intersection with President Street to its  
13 intersection with Bergen Street. The council may designate additional  
14 regions of cultural significance at its discretion but such regions  
15 shall be compact, contiguous, and have an identifiable cultural heritage  
16 which unites the region.

17 § 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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