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IN ASSEMBLY

February 27, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. SIMONE, FORREST, GALLAGHER, GONZALEZ-ROJAS, MITAYNES -- 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

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

§ 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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