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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to empowering the council on the arts to designate the Harlem Renaissance Cultural 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 added by chapter 677 of the laws of 2024, 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~~]**, 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.

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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