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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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 authorizing the council on the arts to designate Little Yemen as a 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 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) "Little Yemen" which shall be a region in the city of New York bounded by White Plains Road on the West, Bronxdale Avenue on the East and North, and Van Nest Avenue on the South.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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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.