



MEMO OF SUPPORT

[A3788 \(Dinowitz\)](#)

Requires legislators to resign from office immediately if they move out of district

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION

Concurrent resolution of the Senate and Assembly proposing an amendment to section 7 of article 3 of the constitution, in relation to resignation of members of the legislature who move out of their district during their term.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Reinvent Albany supports this resolution because it is a common-sense way to ensure that legislators continue to reside in the district that they represent.

It is a bedrock principle of democratic government that citizens have the right to representation in the Legislature. This is why the NYS Constitution requires legislators to reside in-district at the time of their election.

Unfortunately, legislators can circumvent this requirement by leaving their districts after winning election, putting them out of touch with the very people they're supposed to represent. This resolution, which mirrors similar policies in [Virginia](#) and [Florida](#), will ensure legislators remain in-district for the duration of their service.

We urge the Legislature to pass the resolution.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Section 1 amends §7(3) of the New York State Constitution to provide that if a member of the Legislature moves out of their district, they must resign from office immediately.

Section 2 states that the resolution must be passed against in a subsequent session, then go before voters to take effect.