

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to High School Civics Requirement .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 588 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HIGH SCHOOL CIVICS REQUIREMENT .

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 71: Section 2 is hereby amended and inserted in its place:

2 Section 2. In all public elementary and high schools American history and civics, including the
3 constitution of the United States, the declaration of independence and the bill of rights, and in all
4 public high schools the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and government,
5 shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of promoting civic service and a greater
6 knowledge thereof, and of fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of
7 citizenship. High school civic instruction for each public high school student shall be required as
8 a means of graduation.

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