

HOUSE No. 00174

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

Alice K. Wolf

25th Middlesex

Sean Garballey

23rd Middlesex

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By Mr. Martin J. Walsh of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00174) of Alice K. Wolf and others relative to requiring the teaching of civics in all public elementary and high schools in the Commonwealth. Joint Committee on Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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□ , NO. 527 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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.