

HOUSE No. 346

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio and Sean Garballey

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to civic education in public schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

Peter J. Durant

6th Worcester

Christopher M. Markey

9th Bristol

Alan Silvia

7th Bristol

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By Representatives DiZoglio of Methuen and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 346) of Diana DiZoglio and others for legislation to require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a civic education curriculum to be included within the history and/or social science curriculum. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to civic education in public schools.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a model

3 curriculum, which shall be included within the history and/or social science curriculum. The

4 topics addressed shall include: (i) the history of voting as a constitutional right; (ii) the process of

5 registering to vote, with explanations of registration deadlines and election day education, the

6 initiative petition and referendum process and the overall election process, including descriptions

7 of the various elected offices and their terms; (iii) the makeup and role of the 3 branches of

8 government: executive, legislative, and judicial and the 3 levels of government: local, state, and

9 federal government; (iv) the history of political movements and current events, and (v) civic

10 related, service-learning projects. The department shall establish standards to evaluate this

11 curriculum and thereafter create a pilot program to be implemented for school districts.