

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 527**

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**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:

Martin J. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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

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### 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.