

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 554

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston (by request), petition of Leo R. Sullivan relative to civics education in schools. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CIVICS EDUCATION IN 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 SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is  
2 amended, in line 3, by striking the words “in all public high schools”  
3 and inserting the words “from sixth to twelfth grade in all public  
4 schools”; and is further amended in line 2, by inserting after the  
5 words “United States” the following:—

6 “the articles of confederation, the history of the political climate  
7 that led to the American Revolution, the federal structure which  
8 emphasizes the vertical separation of powers and the relationship of  
9 the constitutions of the commonwealth and county”; and is further  
10 amended in line 7, by adding after the words “duties of citizenship.”  
11 The following:—

12 “Course material shall be taught as originally drafted with no  
13 intentional omissions of the original intent of the founding fathers.  
14 The teaching of a revisionist form of history shall be considered  
15 invalid.

16 “The successful completion of a course in civics during the  
17 twelfth grade year shall be mandated as a requirement for all stu-  
18 dents in order to receive their high school diploma.

1 “SECTION 2. The department shall take all reasonable efforts to  
2 accomplish the establishment of necessary regulations by June 30,  
3 2008, in order that the provisions of this act may be implemented in  
4 the following school year.”