

HOUSE No. 588

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh relative to requiring the teaching of civics in all public elementary and high schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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 Chapter 71: Section 2 is hereby amended and inserted in its
2 place:—
3 Section 2. In all public elementary and high schools American
4 history and civics, including the constitution of the United States,
5 the declaration of independence and the bill of rights, and in all
6 public high schools the constitution of the Commonwealth and local
7 history and government, shall be taught as required subjects for the
8 purpose of promoting civic service and a greater knowledge thereof,
9 and of fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of
10 citizenship. High school civic instruction for each public high school
11 student shall be required as a means of graduation.