

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand 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,  
3 including the constitution of the United States, the declaration of independence and the bill of  
4 rights, and in all public high schools the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and  
5 government, shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of promoting civic service and a  
6 greater 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.