

HOUSE No. 527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

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.