

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2043**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to high school civic education requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2043) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to make civics education a high school graduation requirement. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to high school civic education requirements.

*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 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking section 2 in its entirety and inserting in its place the following  
3 section:-

4 Section 2. In all public elementary and high schools, American history and civics,  
5 including the constitution of the United States, the declaration of independence and the bill of  
6 rights, and in all public high schools, the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and  
7 government, and a program relating to the overall electoral process, including, but not limited to,  
8 the initiative petition and referendum process, shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose  
9 of promoting civic service and a greater knowledge thereof, and of fitting the pupils, morally and  
10 intellectually, for the duties of citizenship. High school civic instruction for each public high  
11 school student shall be required as a means of graduation.