HOUSE . . . . No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn

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 civic test requirements for graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Marcus S. Vaughn	*9th Norfolk*	*1/3/2025*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *607* OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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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, as appearing in chapter 296 of

2   the Acts of 2018, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:-

3   "(e) All public high schools shall provide a civics test for all of their students prior to

4   graduation. Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, in order to graduate from high school or

5   obtain a general equivalency diploma, a pupil must correctly answer at least 60 of the 100

6   questions listed on a civics test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used

7   by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. A pupil who does not obtain a

8   passing score on the test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test may retake

9   the test until the pupil obtains a passing score. Pupils who receive special education shall not be

10   required to achieve passing scores on the civics test in order to graduate from high school.

11   (f) The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish rules and

12   regulations for monitoring adherence subsection (e).