

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of William R. Smith relative to the teaching of American history in certain schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TEACHING OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

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 2 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the
3 following new section:—

4 *Section 2.* In all public elementary and high schools American
5 history and civics, including the constitution of the United States,
6 the declaration of independence and the bill of rights, with the
7 study of American history at the high school level to consist of at
8 least one and one-half years of instruction, and in all public schools
9 the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and go-
10 vernment, shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of
11 promoting civil service and a greater knowledge thereof, and of
12 fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of
13 citizenship.

