

Missouri

The 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, which limits a person to being elected to the presidency two times, and sets additional eligibility conditions for presidents who succeed to the presidency, was voted out of Congress by a supermajority vote in both chambers. Between 1947 and 1951, the 22nd Amendment was ratified by 41 state legislatures and officially came into effect after 36 states ratified the amendment in February 1951. Since the history of the 22nd Amendment's passage and the intent of those who ratified it has become relevant again, this factsheet is part of a series covering each state's ratification process.

Missouri's consideration of the 22nd Amendment:

- Missouri voted to ratify the 22nd Amendment on May 22, 1947, becoming the [17th state](#) to do so.
- The amendment was [introduced](#) to the Missouri State Senate for consideration as Senate [Joint Resolution No. 7](#) by Senator Randle Jasper Smith (R).
- Senator William Quinn (D) [offered](#) a motion to have consideration of ratification delayed until the question could be submitted to "conventions of the people" in line with the 1945 Constitution of Missouri, Article I, Section 4. This motion was rejected.
- The Missouri State Senate voted to [ratify](#) the amendment on May 14th, 1947 on a [bipartisan](#) vote of 21 to 10 with 3 absences.
- The Missouri House of Representatives then [voted](#) to ratify on May 22, 1947 by a vote of 95 to 42 (with 17 abstentions).

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Notes
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Every effort is being made by the house and senate to wind up the present session of the legislature by May 24. Many believe this can be done by working day and night. Some, however, are rather pessimistic and believe that the summer recess will not be started before May 28 or 29. The calendar is being cleared of bills as rapidly as possible. However, many will lay over and not be acted on until the Legislature reconvenes next January. The session next January is necessary since appropriations are made for only one year.

The plan for appropriating funds for only one year is caused by the uncertainty of the times. At present, state revenues are high. But a slight recession would cause them to tumble. Therefore, the Legislature is reticent in appropriating money for a two-year period as was done heretofore.

THE HOUSE has passed and sent to the senate a proposed constitutional amendment that would provide a bonus for veterans of World War II. The vote on the proposal was 111 for it to eight against. The amendment provides for an increase of one per cent in the state sales tax and the earmarking of the state income tax to pay the proposed bonus.

The bonus would be up to \$400 for each veteran, figured on length of service. The State, according to the proposal, would pay \$10 for each month a veteran spent in service in continental United States, and \$15 for each month spent outside of continental United States.

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Cases involving the 22nd Amendment in Missouri:

- There are no relevant cases in Missouri courts that analyze the provisions of the 22nd Amendment.