

Empire State 20th to Ratify 2-Term Limit

Albany—(AP)—New York is the 20th state to approve the proposed Constitutional amendment to limit U. S. presidents to two terms.

The Assembly over solid Democratic opposition, voted 103-43 yesterday to limit presidential tenures. The Senate passed the amendment 40-13 last month.

Governor Dewey, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, had urged the GOP-controlled Legislature to endorse the amendment which must be approved by 36 states before becoming effective.

Democrats, who opposed the two-term Presidential amendment on legal and political grounds, were joined by one Republican in voting against the measure. He was Assemblyman William J. Drohan of the Bronx.

The only American Labor Party member in the larger house, Samuel Kaplan of Brooklyn, also voted "no" to the proposal.

Democratic Assemblyman Owen D. McGovern of New York City contended that approval of the amendment by the Republican-controlled House of Representatives last year was invalid. He argued that the required quorum was not present when the House adopted the resolution.

The amendment would prohibit election to the presidency more than twice or more than once in the case of a person who had held the office for more than two years.

This, in effect, would limit possible maximum service to 10 years where a president completed a term to which another was elected.