

Two Term Amendment Slowed Up

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The proposed constitutional amendment to limit future U. S. presidents to two terms gained little ground this year.

It was approved by North and South Dakota. That raised the total of states that have ratified it to 23. It must have the approval of 13 more before it can go into effect.

A survey Saturday—Constitution day—showed the proposition had lost much of its early momentum.

Congress started the proposed twenty-second amendment on the round of state legislatures in March, 1947. It gave the states seven years, or until March, 1954, to make up their minds about it. If 36 states accept it before the deadline, it will become law.

The amendment was ratified in 1947 by 18 states—Maine, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, New Hampshire, Oregon, Delaware, Vermont, California, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Ohio, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, and Connecticut.

New York, Virginia and Mississippi followed suit in 1948. But only the two Dakotas approved the amendment in 1949.

This was a rough year for the proposal. Resolutions to ratify were defeated or sidetracked in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Minnesota, Maryland, Massachusetts, Indiana, Montana, North Carolina, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming and Alabama.