

Bill Ratified Limiting Terms Of President

Louisiana Is Twenty- Second State To Approve Measure

Baton Rouge, La.— (AP) —The Louisiana legislature today ratified the proposed amendment to the United States constitution limiting presidential tenure to two full consecutive terms.

Legislative supporters of the bill said the action made Louisiana the twenty-second state to ratify. Thirty-six are needed to make the proposal part of the constitution.

In today's action, the Louisiana house adopted a concurrent resolution already adopted by the senate. There was no roll call—the resolution was adopted unanimously "without objection."

Speaking for the resolution, Rep. Henry Sevier of Madison parish (county) declared, "I said that the only way President Roosevelt would be defeated was when they took him out in his casket. I say that the only way President Truman would be defeated would be when they took him out in his casket."

Rep. Sevier said he thought it was "the plain intention of the drafters of the constitution" that presidents should serve no more than two terms and that George Washington had refused to serve longer "for the reason that we did not want to have a dictator and that no president should interfere in the other branches of government, pack the supreme court and whatever."

"At the present time," Sevier continued, "we do have presidents perpetuating themselves in office with the help of tremendous appropriations from

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