

2-Term Limit On President Meets Tough Sledding

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The proposed 22nd amendment to the United States Constitution, limiting the number of terms of a president, has run into tough sledding.

The amendment, as proposed by the Republican 80th congress, has been rejected by legislatures of four states and approved by only two since the Democratic victory at the polls last November. Before that, only two states had taken negative action and 21 states legislatures had ratified it.

Under the terms of the amendment, no person could be elected to the presidency more than twice. If a vice president succeeded to the presidency before half a term was over, he would be permitted to seek office only once himself.

Thirty-six of the nation's 48 states must give their approval within seven years of submission of the proposal if it is to become effective. Favorable actions still are needed from 13 states out of the 19 which have yet to act on it. In several of those 19, passage seems unlikely. Two of the 19 states cannot decide until their legislatures meet in 1950.

States which have rejected the amendment this year are Idaho, Montana, Utah and North Carolina. Texas and Oklahoma legislatures previously killed the plan in their states.

South Dakota and North Dakota are the only states to give their approval so far in 1949. In 1947 and 1946 approval was given by Maine, Michigan, Kansas, Iowa, New Hampshire, Illinois, Delaware, Oregon, New Jersey, Vermont, California, Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Connecticut, Missouri, Nebraska, Virginia, Mississippi and New York.