

Wyoming

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.

Wyoming's consideration of the 22nd Amendment:

- The Wyoming legislature voted to ratify the 22nd Amendment on February 12, 1951.
- H.J.R. No. 1, the resolution to ratify the amendment, was [introduced](#) by House Republicans W. Wallace [Anderson](#), T.C. [Daniels](#) and Marlin T. [Kurtz](#) on January 12, [1951](#).
- W. Wallace Anderson, the Republican Chairman of the Memorials and Federal Relations Standing Committee within the Wyoming House, [recommended](#) that H.J.R. No. 1 pass.
- [The resolution passed](#) in the House on January 19, 1951 with bipartisan support by a vote of 38 to 16 (with [2 excused](#)).
- [The governor's message](#) to the 31st state legislature recommended the joint resolution to pass ratifying the 22nd Amendment.
- On February 8, 1951, the [Senate voted](#) to ratify the 22nd Amendment with bipartisan support by a vote of [18 to 9](#).
- On February 12, 1951, Republican Governor Frank A. Barrett gave his [signed approval](#) to H.J.R. No. 1.
- Following the bipartisan, bicameral votes to ratify the 22nd amendment, the editorial page of *The Casper Tribune-Herald* [praised](#) the wisdom of the founding fathers for the amendment process, stating, "The fathers of the Constitution left the ultimate decision on constitutional changes very close to the people and, in so doing, they probably guaranteed the survival of this republic as a republic."
- The editorial added, "In the case of the 22nd amendment now receiving the consideration of the states, it is an amendment born of a fear that the existence of the republic as a republic may be endangered by the presence of any one man too long in the office of chief executive. ... It is not inconceivable that, should the

amendment become law, the Democrats might find themselves in the position some years hence of being happy that it is on the books."

H. J. R. No. 1

Introduced by W. Wallace Anderson,
T. C. Daniels, Marlin T. Kurtz

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the terms of office of the President of the United States.

Referred to Committee No. 17—Memorials and Federal Relations.

H. J. R. No. 1

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T. C. Daniels, Marlin T. Kurtz

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Referred to Committee No. 1, Judiciary.

Reports of Standing Committees

Cheyenne, Wyoming, January 19, 1951.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the terms of office of the President of the United States.

respectfully reports same back to the House with the recommendation that same Do Pass.

(Signed) W. WALLACE ANDERSON,
Chairman.

H. J. R. No. 1

Introduced by W. Wallace Anderson,
T. C. Daniels, Marlin T. Kurtz

A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the terms of office of the President of the United States.

Ayes: Messrs. Anderson, Armsrong, Boice, Budd, Carruth, Chamberlain, Christiansen, Cole, Daniels, Dayton, Enterline, Fleischli, Flitter, Foote, Harris, Irwin, Kennedy, Keith, Kelly, Kurtz, Lees, Leik, Myers, McMaster, Newman, Perry, Prewitt, Ralston, Rusk, Sheldon, Snodgrass, Spargur, Swanton, Thomson, Wagensen, Walters, Wilson, Mr. Speaker.

Noes: Messrs. Cranney, Fratto, Hanner, House, Hubbard, Hunter, Kinnaman, Norris, Orme, Petre, Stevens, Sullivan, Tennant, Twiford, Witherspoon, Wright.

Excused: Messrs. Holstedt, Johnson.

Ayes—38. Noes—16. Excused—2.

Thereupon, Mr. Speaker declared that House Joint Resolution No. 1, having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the House, said House Joint Memorial had passed the House.

House Joint Resolution

A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the **terms** of office of the President of the United States.

Ayes 38 Noes 16 Excused 2 Absent 0

The same are transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully submitted,
RICHARD J. LUMAN,
Chief Clerk.

H. J. R. No. 1

Introduced by W. Wallace Anderson,
T. C. Daniels, Marlin T. Kurtz

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION—A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the terms of office of the President of the United States.

Ayes—18. Noes—9.

The same are transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) WILLIAM A. RINER, JR.,
Chief Clerk.

H. J. R. No. 1 Introduced by W. Wallace Anderson,
T. C. Daniels, Marlin T. Kurtz

A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the **terms of office of the President** of the United States.

Roll Call

Ayes: Messrs. Austin, Barlow, Bartling, Bower, Buchenroth, Burke, Carpenter, Chamberlain, Champion, Greene, Harding, Jones, Littlefield, Murphy, Robertson, Wilson, Zoble, Mr. President.—18.

Noes: Messrs. Anselmi, Boschetto, Bridgmon, Christensen, Hitchcock, Hunter, Kurtz, Lindell, Thomas.—9.

Thereupon, Mr. President declared that House Joint Resolution No. 1, having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the Senate, had passed the Senate.

February 12, 1951.

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to inform your Honorable Body that at 11:50 a.m., on February 12, 1951, I affixed my signature and gave my approval to Enrolled Joint Resolution No. 1, House of Representatives, being Original **House Joint Resolution No. 1**, entitled:

“A JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, relating to the terms of office of the President of the United States.”

Respectfully yours,
(Signed) FRANK A. BARRETT,
Governor.

Cases involving the 22nd Amendment in Wyoming:

- There are no relevant cases in Wyoming that analyze the requirements of the 22nd Amendment.