

TWENTY-SECOND AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
CONSTITUTION



# AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, 1951

## ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

KNOW YE, That the Congress of the United States, at the first session, eightieth Congress begun at the City of Washington on Friday, the third day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, passed a Joint Resolution in the words and figures as follows: to wit—

Twenty-second  
Amendment to the  
Constitution.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

61 Stat. 959.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the terms of office of the President.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

#### “ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Terms of office of  
the President.

“SEC. 2. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.”

Inoperative unless  
ratified within seven  
years.

And, further, that it appears from official documents on file in the General Services Administration that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

States ratifying pro-  
posed amendment.

Requisite number declared.

And, further, that the States whose Legislatures have so ratified the said proposed Amendment, constitute the requisite three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States.

Certificate of adoption as part of the Constitution.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Jess Larson, Administrator of General Services, by virtue and in pursuance of Section 160, Title 5, of the United States Code and Reorganization Plan No. 20 of 1950 (15 F. R. 3178), do hereby certify that the Amendment aforesaid has become valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

64 Stat. 1272.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the General Services Administration to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 1st day of March, in the [SEAL] year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-one.

JESS LARSON

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Know Ye That the Congress of the United States at the first session of the Eighty-seventh Congress began at the City of Washington on Friday the third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, passed a Joint Resolution in the words and figures as follows to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION

Pursuing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the term of office of the President.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurred therein) That the following article is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

ARTICLE I

Section 1. No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President or acted as President for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President or acting as President during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term. Sec. 2. This article shall be operative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

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And further that it appears from official documents on file in the General Services Administration that the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.