

## **Bush Plans Run in 2008 Contends 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Does Not Apply to Him**

President George W. Bush settled the question of who will be the Republican candidate to succeed him by deciding to seek the office again himself. “The twenty-second amendment don’t apply,” he told reporters this morning. “I don’t understand all their mumbo-jumbo, but that’s what my law boys tell me. You’ll have to talk to them.”

When questioned, White House legal representatives stated that they are certain they can argue successfully that their client was not legally elected in 2000 and that, thus, if elected in 2008, Bush will not have been elected more than twice to the office of president, as prohibited by the 22<sup>nd</sup> amendment. Independent legal authorities and legal representatives of other potential Republican candidates conceded that this may well be true but that the question must be tested through the courts.

The White House lawyers also contend that the section of the amendment permitting only a single election for any “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” is not a barrier because time spent on vacation should not apply as serving as president and also that few people believe that Bush has filled the office to full standards of presidency even while on the job. Other legal authorities agree that no one could likely argue successfully against their contentions on this issue.

The president ended the interview with the statement, “Why, heck, I believe that I’m up to taking a lot more vacation if I need to to qualify.”

Supreme Court representatives refused to comment except with groans; however, one of the more-religious justices was overheard to mumble, “If God existed, this wouldn’t happen to me,” while an agnostic member of the court muttered, “Oh God, help us.”