

Senate Votes Limit On FBI Chief Term

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The Senate voted 70 to 0 yesterday to limit the director of the FBI to one 10-year term.

Assistant Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia said the bill would keep a director from becoming "a law unto himself."

In obvious reference to J. Edgar Hoover's 45 years as the FBI's first director, Byrd said the director must not become "an autocratic dictator" nor the FBI "a political police force."

Limiting the director to one term, Byrd said, would prevent his "campaigning" in the waning years of his tenure.

Senators rejected, 66 to 4, an amendment by Sen. William L. Scott (R-Va.) to limit the director to a four-year term but allow for re-appointment.

Scott had argued that a four-year term would give Congress closer scrutiny over the director and FBI activities. But Byrd contended this would not give a director enough time to "put his programs into action."

Under the bill, which now goes to the House, the director still would be subject to dismissal at a President's discretion.

Hoover died in 1972, and was succeeded by L. Patrick Gray, who resigned during the Watergate investigation. The present director is Clarence Kelley.

VETERANS' PENSIONS

The Senate passed legislation to increase pension payments for veterans and their survivors by 12 per cent.

It also would raise by \$400

the annual income limitations, making it \$3,000 for single pensioners and \$4,200 for those with dependents.

Senate passage was by unanimous consent, but House sources said it is unlikely the House will vote before Congress starts its election recess Friday.

The pensions are paid to veterans within the income limitations if they are permanently and totally disabled for nonservice-connected causes before age 65. At 65 or older health is no factor.

Widows, dependent children and dependent parents also are entitled to pensions based on income.