



Mostly Mail Voting Trends

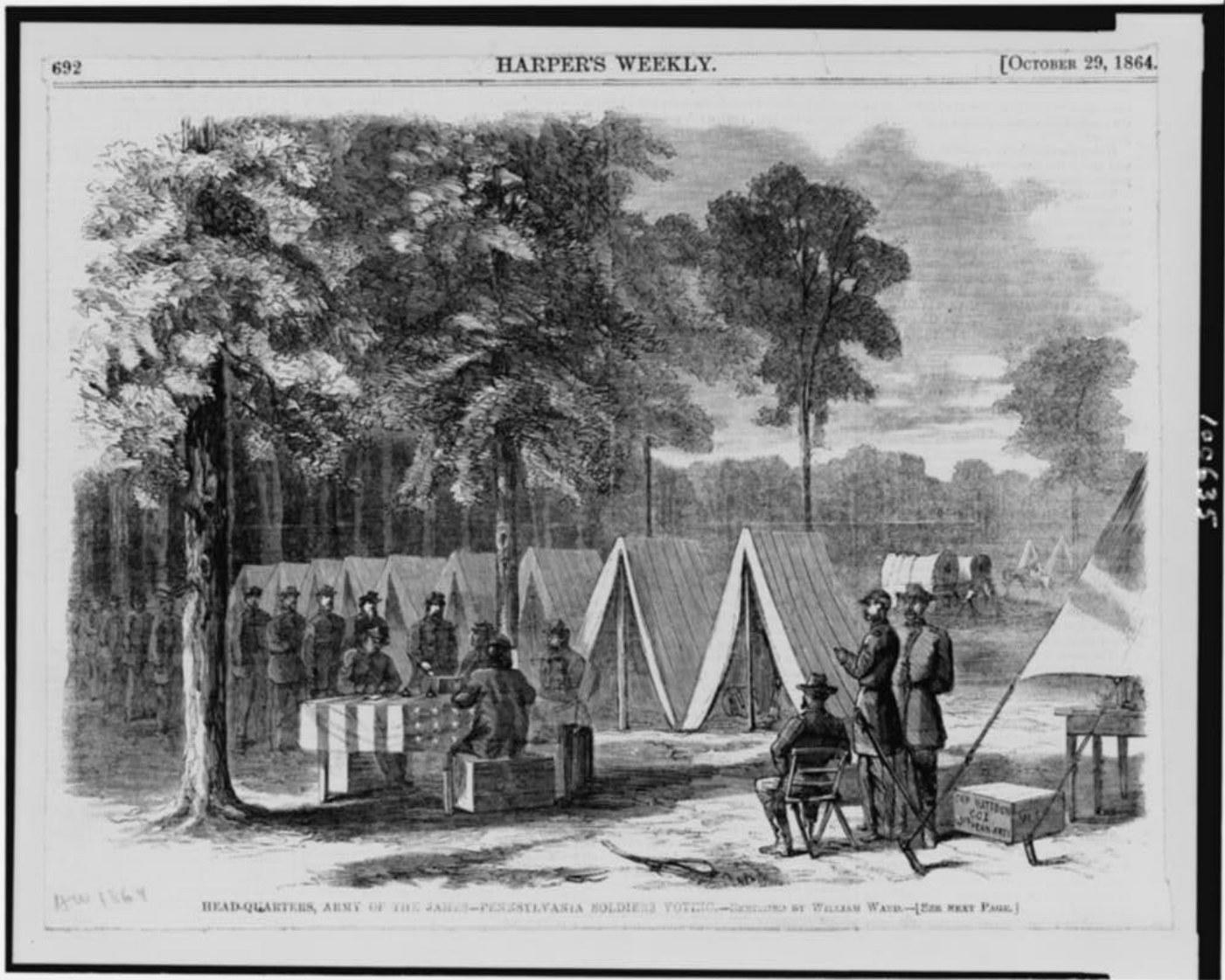
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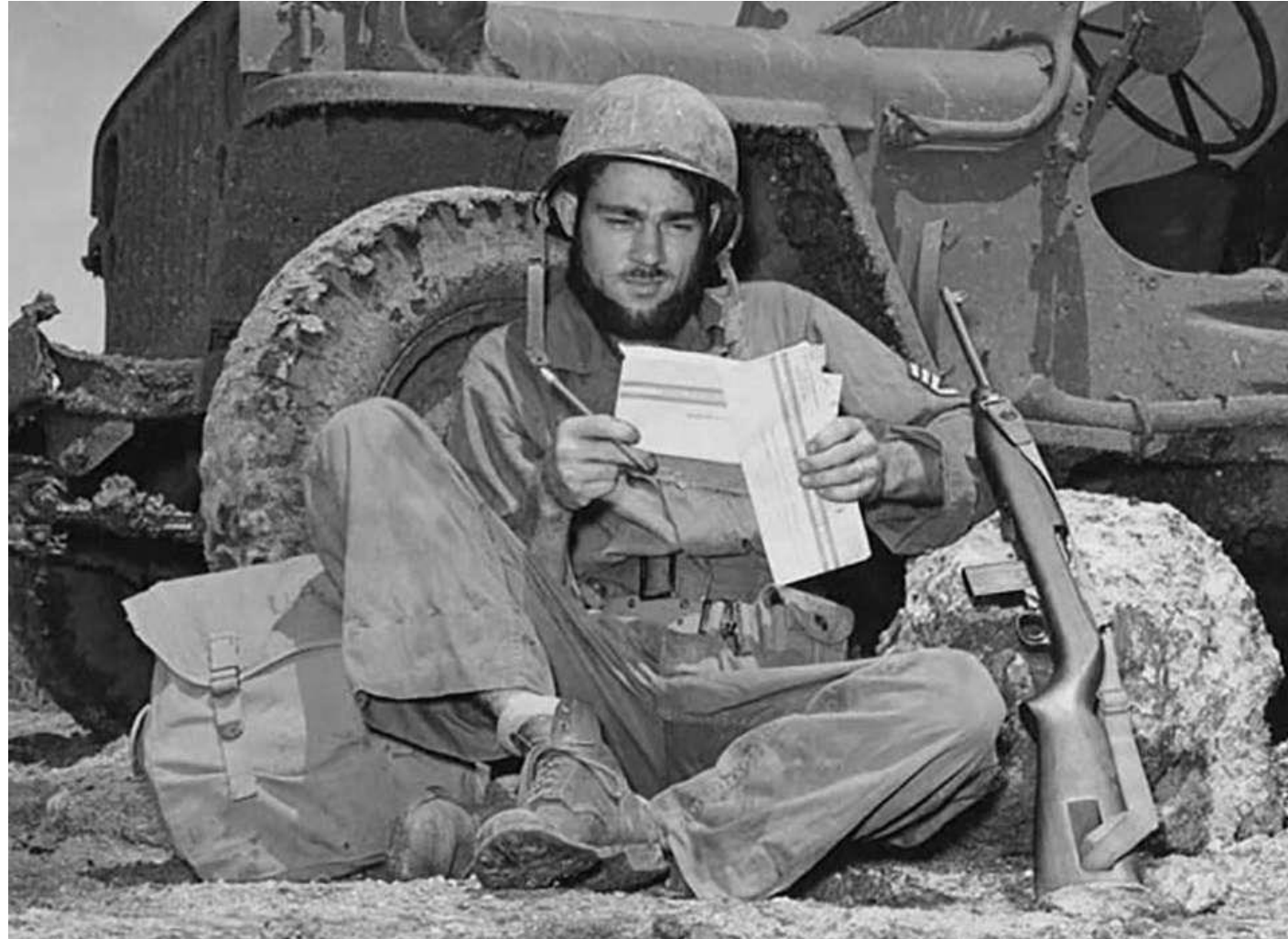
In-Person Voting - 1852



Absentee Voting for Soldiers - 1864



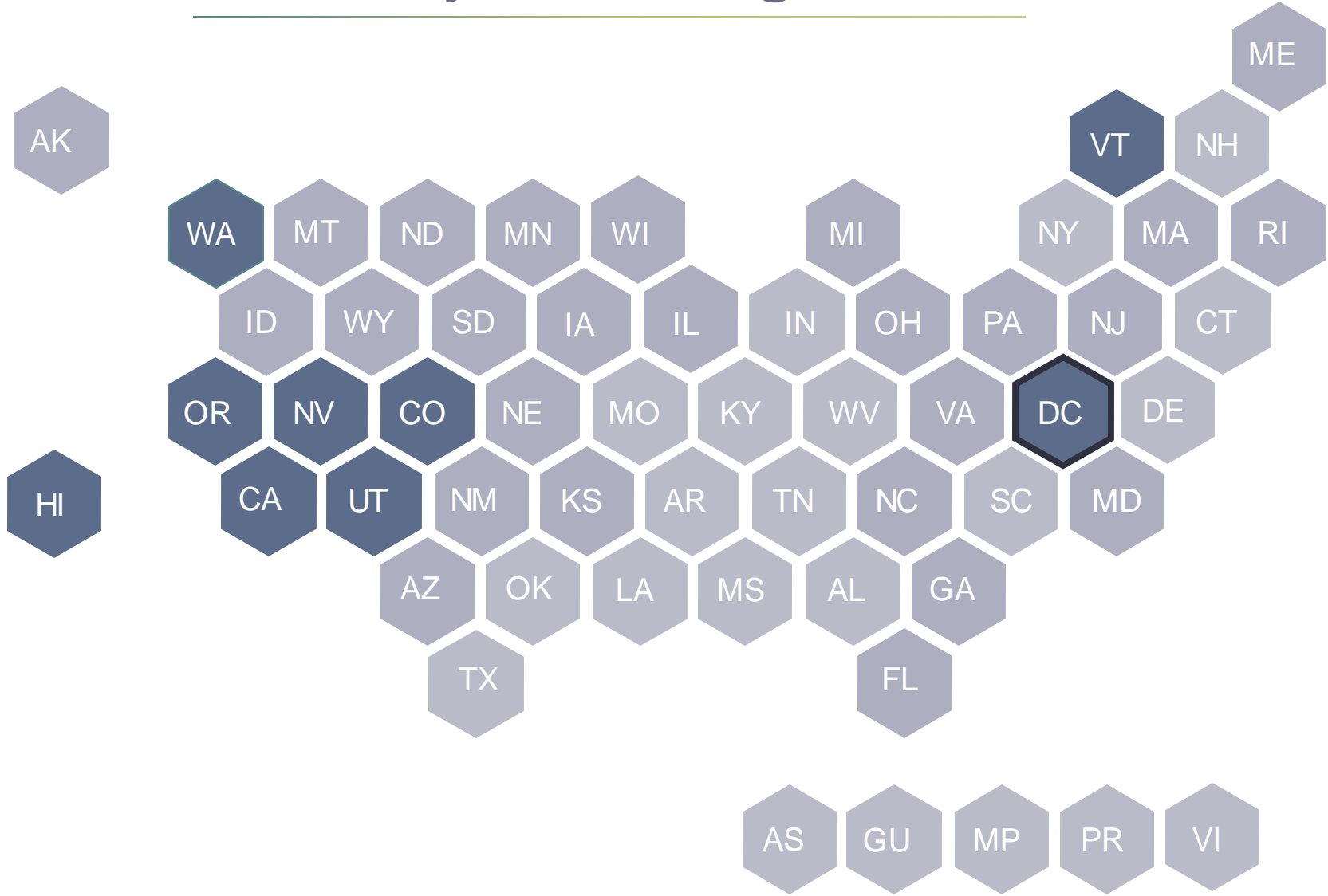
Absentee Voting for Soldiers - Federal Laws 1942 & 1944



Changes in Voting Modes 1996 - 2022



Mostly-Mail Voting States



Chronology for Mostly-Mail States

1998: Oregon

2011: Washington (total: 2)

2013 Colorado (total: 3)

2019: Utah and Hawaii (total: 5)

2021: California, Nevada, Vermont, DC (total: 8 +DC)

Usual Progression for Mostly-Mail States

First: Allow no-excuse absentee voting

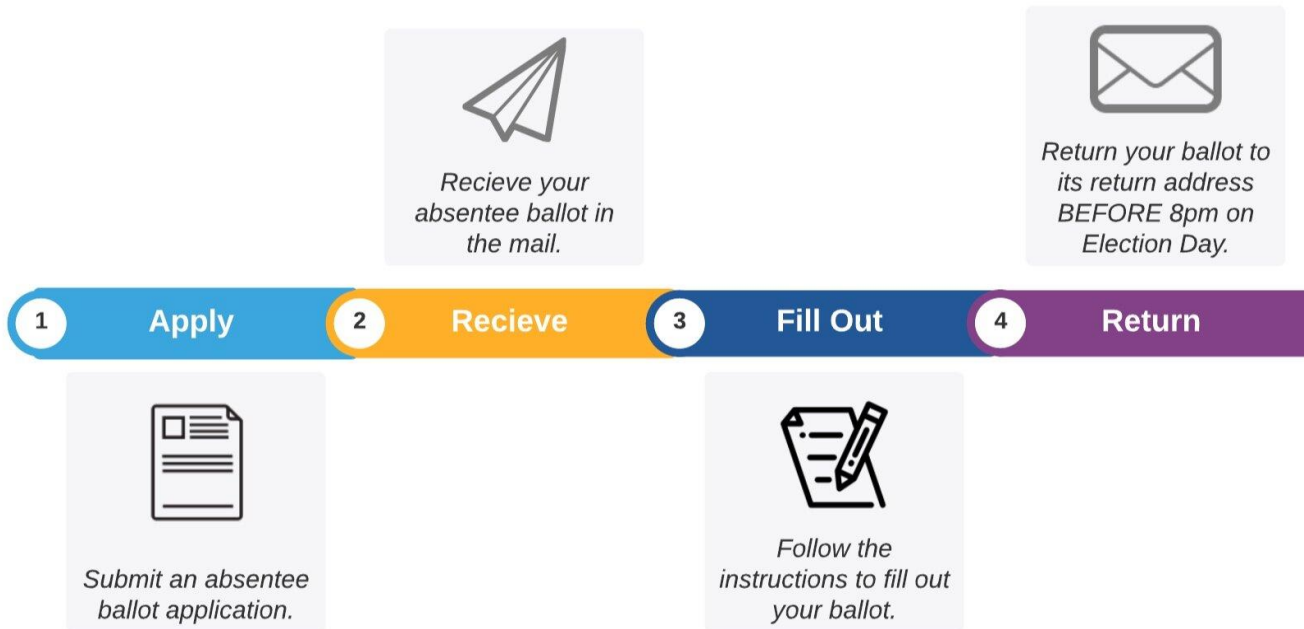
Second: Create a permanent absentee voter list

Third: Allow small elections (like special districts) to be all-mail

Fourth: Allow counties to decide

Fifth: Go statewide





- When requests can begin and end
- Ballots Returned by - or Postmarked by - Election Day?
- When processing begins
- Special accommodation for military or overseas voters?

Timelines for Voting by Mail

- 27 states compare signature on ballot envelope to signature on file
- Warning: don't want to ask for personal information on outside of envelope!

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VOTER FILE

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Voter Verification

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