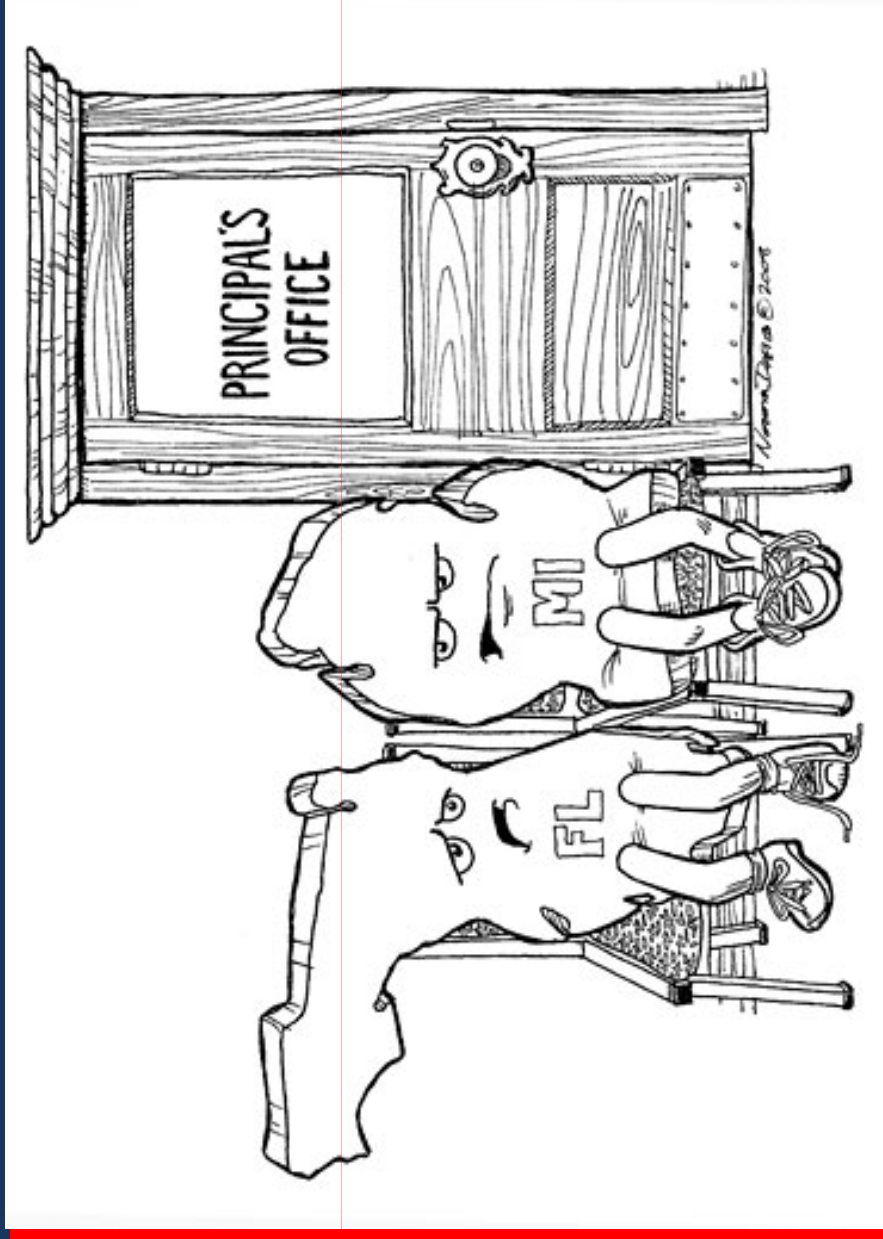


How does the Electoral college work?



- electoral poll
- Fivethirtyeight
- <http://www.270towin.com/>

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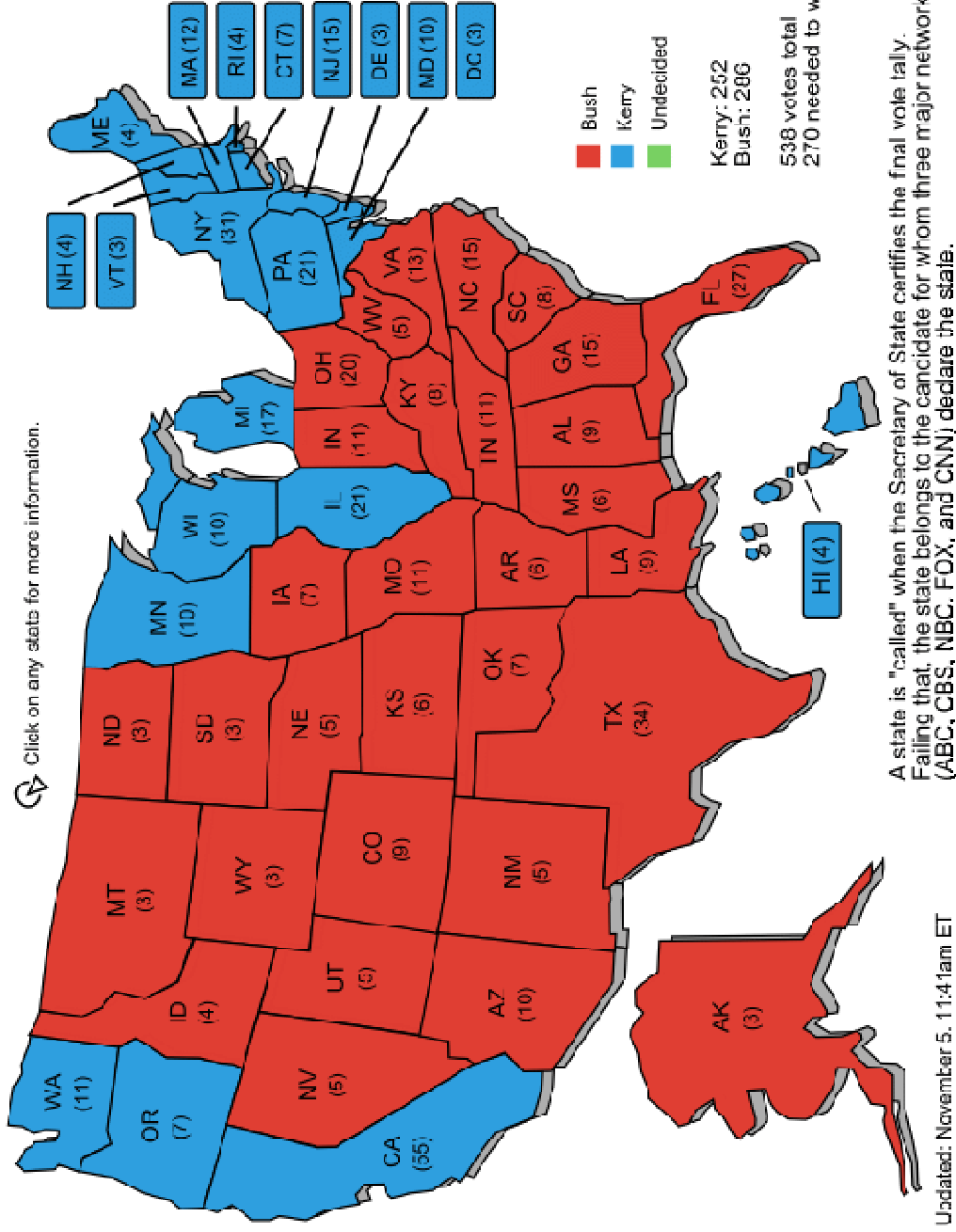
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Therefore...

1. Each State receives the amount of electoral votes according to its congressional delegation
2. “Winner Takes All”
3. Candidate needs 270 votes to win, if tied, HOR picks from the top two candidates.
4. (You vote for electors who vote for president)

So what happens?

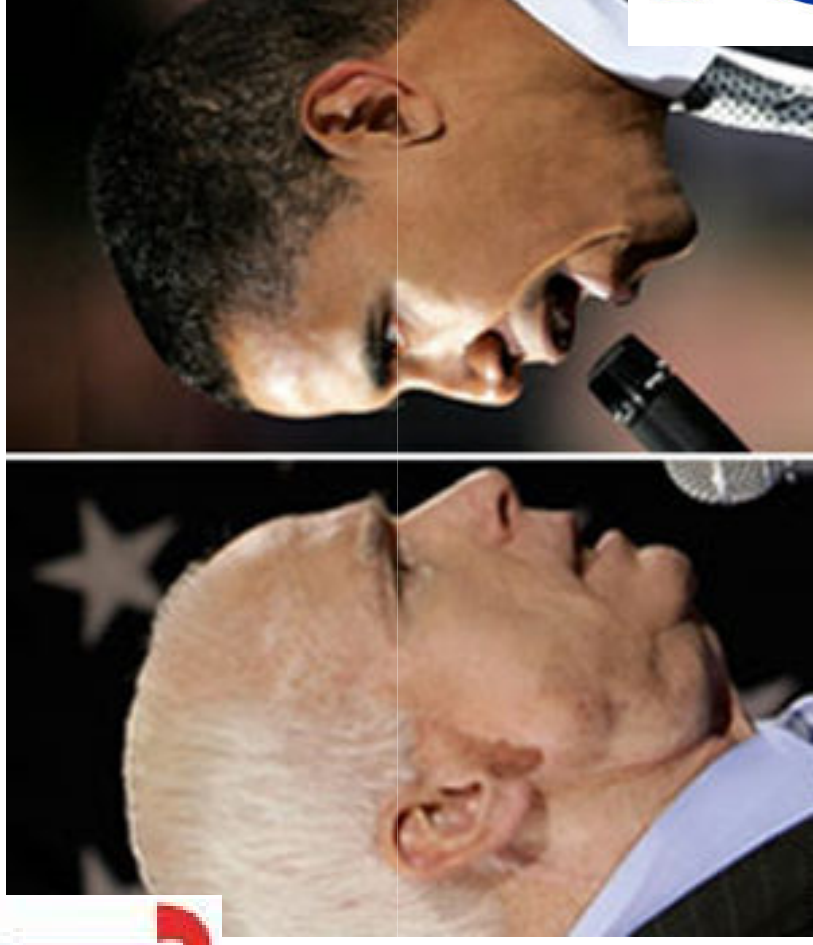
State by state votes



Candidates campaign in swing states

<http://www.electoral-vote.com/>

Two party system



But what about third parties?

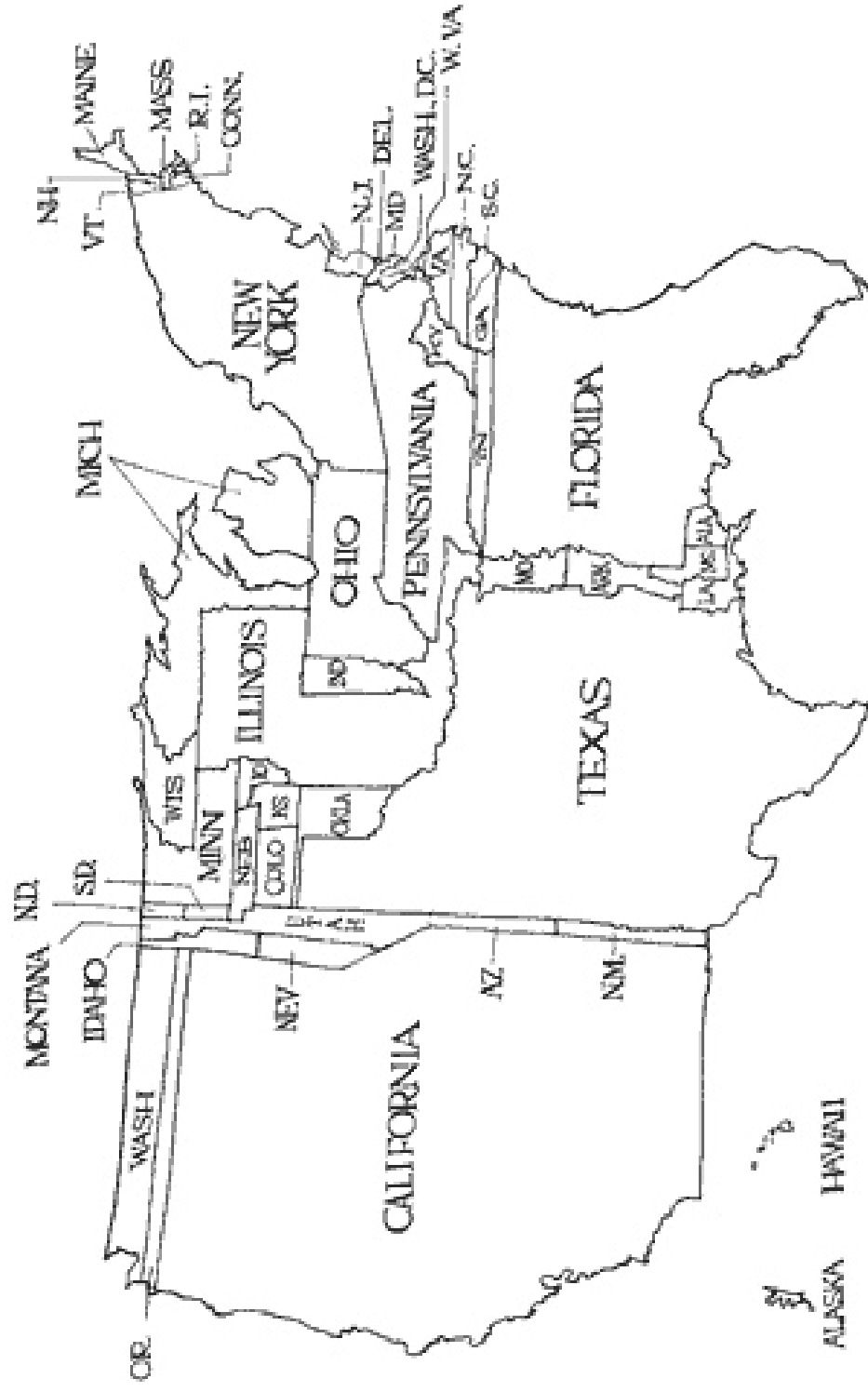


Candidates could win the popular vote, but lose the electoral vote

- [popular and electoral vote 2000](#)

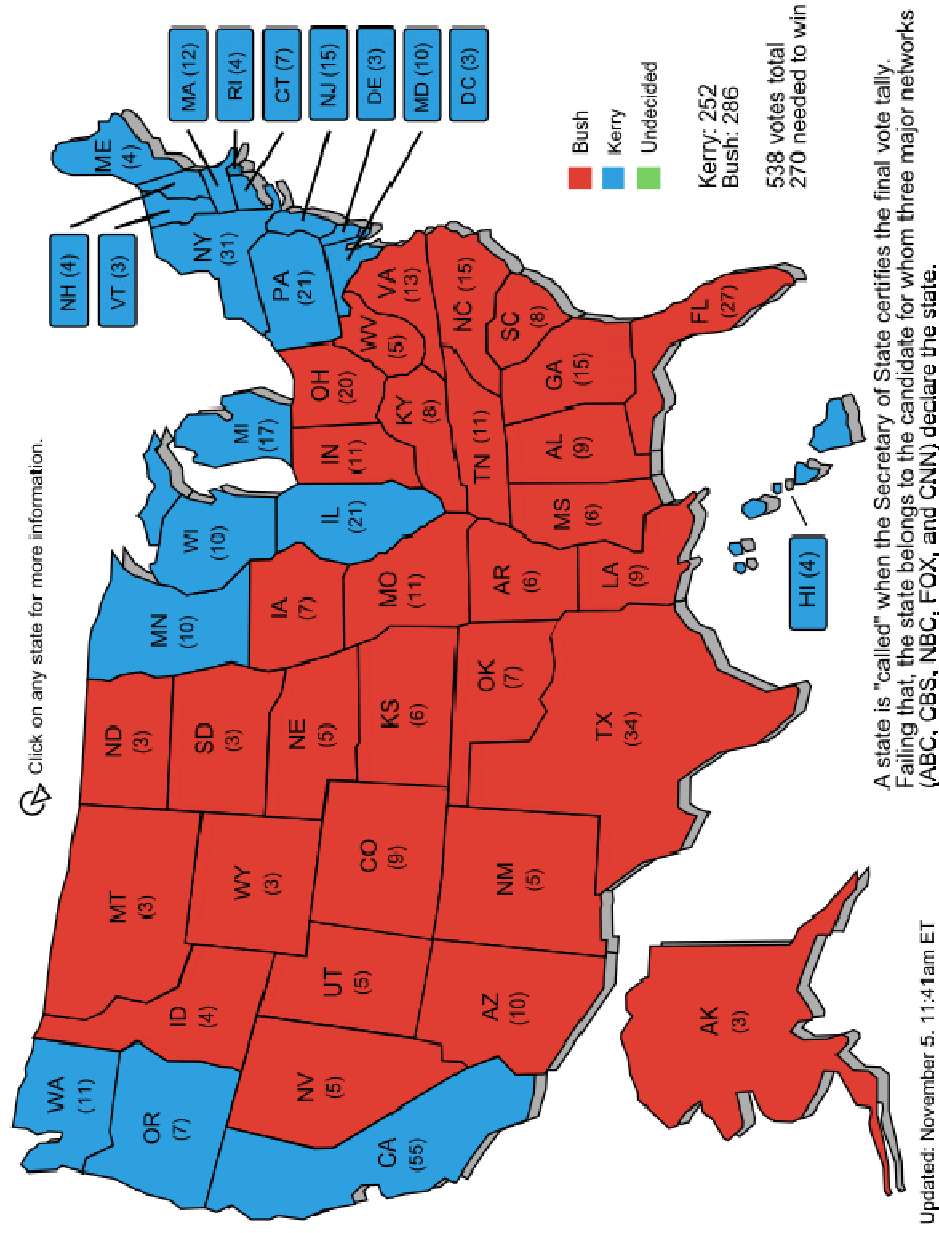
But otherwise....

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THE UNITED STATES OF THE POPULAR VOTE

Now... its by state



Could it ever be changed?

Needs constitutional amendment?

Small states would never agree