

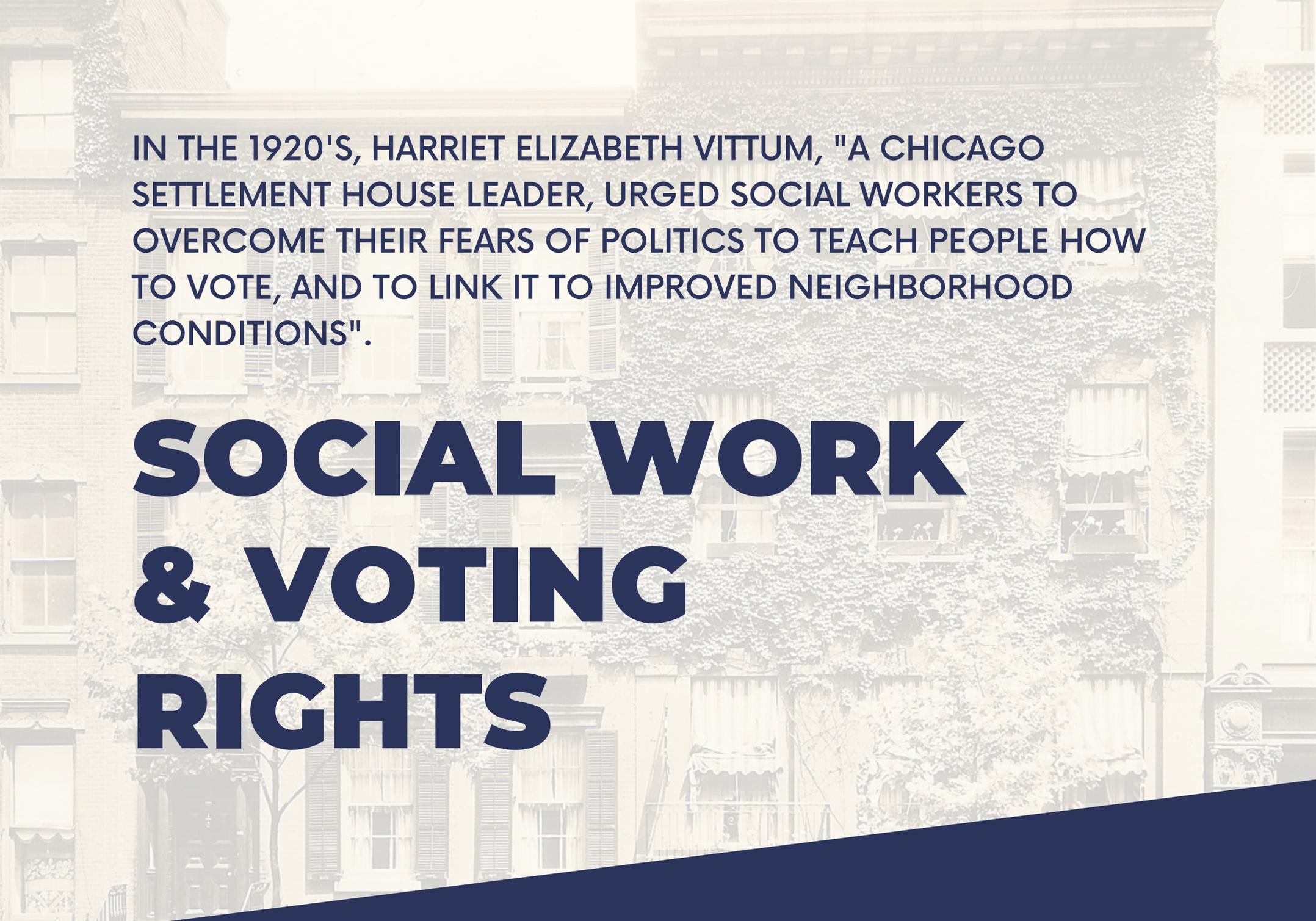
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS
(NCCC) ADVOCATED FOR VOTER-RELATED ISSUES AND
ENCOURAGED SOCIAL WORKERS TO BECOME POLITICALLY
INVOLVED FROM 1897-1982

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IN THE 1920'S, HARRIET ELIZABETH VITTUM, "A CHICAGO SETTLEMENT HOUSE LEADER, URGED SOCIAL WORKERS TO OVERCOME THEIR FEARS OF POLITICS TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO VOTE, AND TO LINK IT TO IMPROVED NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS".

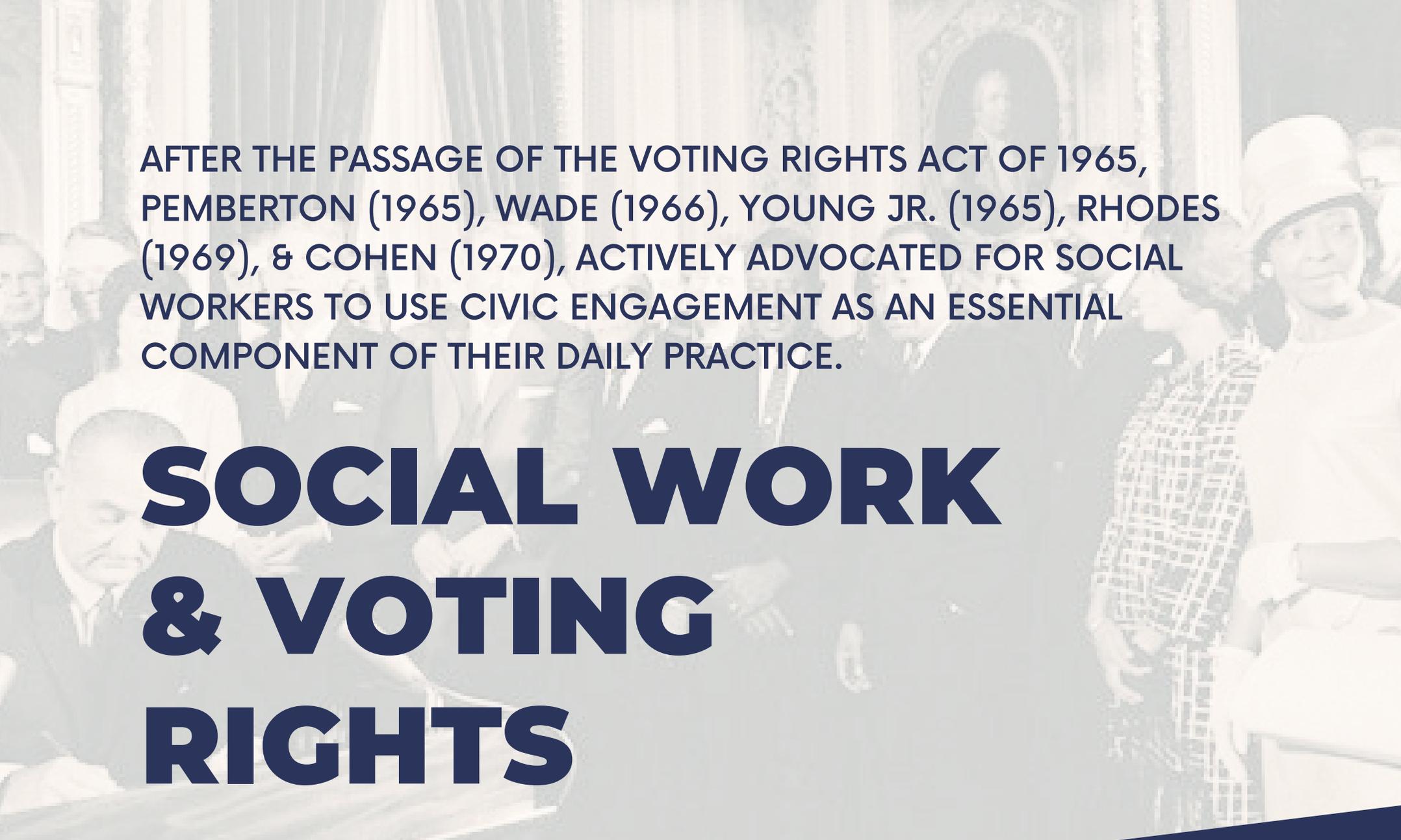
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"AMID A WITHERING POST-WORLD WAR II ATTACK ON THE EXPANDING WELFARE STATE," J. C. CLARK IN 1954, "URGED SOCIAL WORKERS TO REMIND POLITICIANS OF 'WHAT THE VOTERS WANT' AND THAT 'IN A DEMOCRACY EVERY CITIZEN'S VOTE CARRIERS EQUAL WEIGHT".

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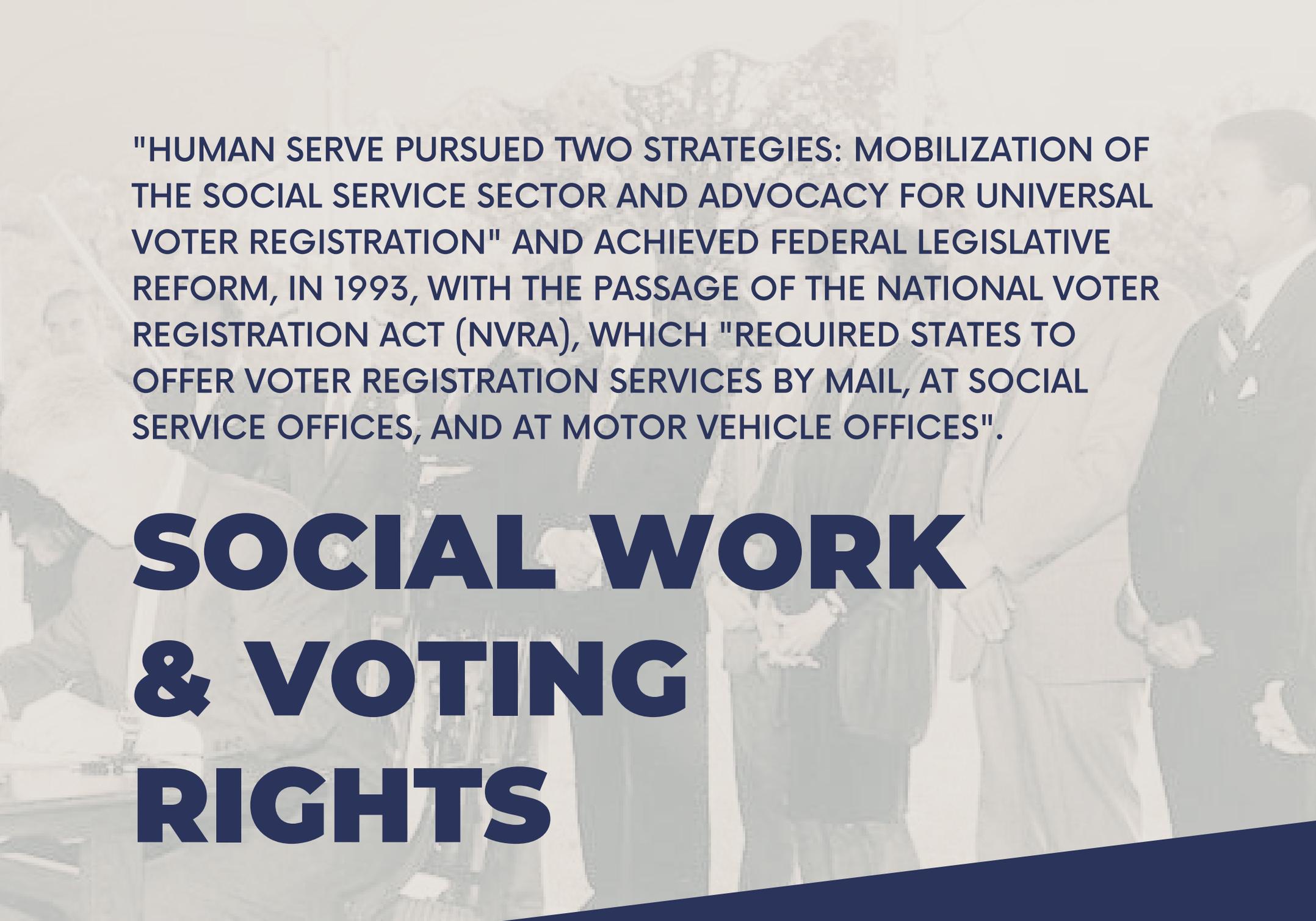
AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965, PEMBERTON (1965), WADE (1966), YOUNG JR. (1965), RHODES (1969), & COHEN (1970), ACTIVELY ADVOCATED FOR SOCIAL WORKERS TO USE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THEIR DAILY PRACTICE.

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"HUMAN SERVE PURSUED TWO STRATEGIES: MOBILIZATION OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE SECTOR AND ADVOCACY FOR UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION" AND ACHIEVED FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REFORM, IN 1993, WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT (NVRA), WHICH "REQUIRED STATES TO OFFER VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES BY MAIL, AT SOCIAL SERVICE OFFICES, AND AT MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICES".

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STARTED IN 2017, THE NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK VOTER MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN IS "SET OUT TO REGISTER AGENCY CLIENTS AND TO MAINSTREAM VOTER ENGAGEMENT IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION".

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