Today's Lead: City Wants to Revive Old Voting Machines

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New York City spent over $95 million to replace old lever machines with electronic voting machines but less than three years after the new machines were deployed Board of Election Officials want to bring back the old machines. BOE officials want to use the old lever machines for September's mayoral primary because they say the counting process on the new machines is too hard. “It’s the best solution that we've been able to come up with," Frederic M. Umane, the president of the city’s Board of Elections, told The New York TImes . The machines would be used for the primary and any runoff election. Mayor Michael Bloomberg supports the plan but good government groups say the idea is a return to ways of the past. The move follows a number of embarrassments for the BOE that has struggled to count votes after elections in a timely manner since the debut of the electronic machines.

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