

Legislature Set to Approve Lever Machines For Primary and Runoff

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The State Senate and Assembly have reached a compromise on a bill that will delay any primary runoff in the city's mayoral race and allow the city Board of Election to use lever machines.

The compromise favors the Assembly's version of the legislation that only called for use of the lever machines for this year's primary and runoff. The Senate's version would have allowed the use of the machines in any non-federal elections. The new version will restrict the use of lever machines to 2013 alone.

Good government groups have [railed against the move to use lever machines](#), saying it is unnecessary and a step back from electronic voting machines. The city BOE has had a series of election mishaps over the last few years and Mayor Michael Bloomberg [came out in favor](#) of using the lever machines as did the BOE.

"I was the only guy supporting this and then the mayor of New York came out and said we need this," Sen.Martin Golden, the sponsor of the bill in the senate, told the Gazette.

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