

Board Of Elections Says Disabled Voters Will Get Help At Polls

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Elections officials say disabled voters will have access to electronic devices at each poll site this year so that they can submit paper ballots for the September primary, even though inaccessible lever voting machines are being brought back.

A spokeswoman for the city's Board of Elections said in a statement today that ballot marking devices would allow "all voters, including voters with disabilities, to vote privately and independently at their poll site" on Election Day.

The Gotham Gazette [reported yesterday that the BOE could face legal action from advocates for the disabled over its plan to bring back lever voting machines.](#)

James Weisman, senior vice president and senior counsel at the United Spinal Association, told the Gotham Gazette that his organization was considering taking legal steps to stop the BOE from using the machines.

He said disabled voters would face physical challenges to using the lever voting machines.

The BOE has said that the optical voting machines are too unwieldy to use for the mayoral primary or for the runoff this year.

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