

# **BOARDS WATCH TEST OF P. R. VOTING DEVICE**

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## ***Costuma Says Machine Would Save \$50,000 on Election***

Members of the City Council and the Board of Estimate joined yesterday in watching a demonstration of a new proportional representation voting machine in City Hall.

David B. Costuma, Commissioner of the Board of Elections, said the new device would save \$50,000 on the cost of a P. R. election, but added that the city's investment and other expenses would run to \$500,000. The machine tabulates votes on a 10 by 4 inch card with space for the names of twenty-five candidates, and provision is also made for a write-in vote. The machines are priced at \$100 each and the city would need more than 4,000 of them.

Leo J. Langan of the International Business Machines Company voted twelve names in 50 seconds in his demonstration. Mazie Vladeck, daughter of the late Councilman B. Charney Vladeck, tried the machine, but took 2 minutes and 40 seconds to vote ten names. George Hallett Jr. of the Citizens Union expressed his approval of the machines, but city officials were noncommittal after the demonstration.