

# Board of Estimate to Act Friday On Buying 2,750 Vote Machines

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The Board of Estimate will try on Friday to decide whether to appropriate \$4,000,000 to buy 2,750 new voting machines for the primary election on Sept. 6.

At a special meeting called for 10:30 A. M. at City Hall, the board, with Mayor Wagner absent on a European vacation, will decide in effect whether voting machines or paper ballots will be used in the Sept. 6 primary.

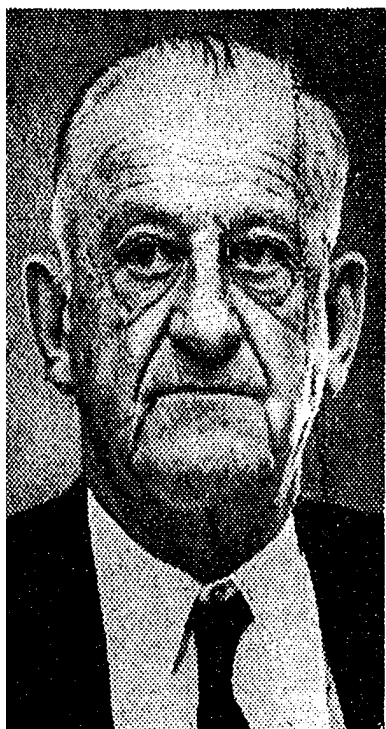
James M. Power, president of the Board of Elections, said yesterday that appropriation of the money on Friday would mean that voting machines would be used, despite his recent declaration that if the money were not appropriated June 30 it would force the use of paper ballots.

The Board of Elections, which has the power to choose the type of voting machine to be used Sept. 6 and at subsequent elections, has formally endorsed a machine manufactured by the Shoup Voting Machine Corporation of this city.

Since 1927 the city has been using a machine made by the Automatic Voting Machine Division of the Rockwell Manufacturing Company of Jamestown, N. Y.

Recently both machines were demonstrated before the Board of Estimate. The board has the power to vote the money needed to buy the machines favored by the Board of Elections.

Rockwell and Shoup both have lawyers close to City Hall. Shoup is represented by William A. Shea, who headed Mayor Wagner's committee to bring National League baseball back to the city. The Rockwell group is represented by former Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams and former Corporation Counsel John P. McGrath.



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James M. Power

If the Board of Estimate does not vote on Friday to appropriate money for voting machines, it is almost certain that paper ballots must be used in the Sept. 6 primary election.

A bare possibility remains that the money might be voted if the Board of Elections should change its mind and switch its approval to the Rockwell machine.

Some members of the Board of Estimate are known to feel that the judgment of the Board of Elections on the two machines must be respected. They feel that another course would