The realm of voting technology has become a hot-button issue since the contentious United States presidential election of 2000. The “Help America Vote Act” (HAVA) was passed in 2002 as a response to the 2000 debacle. New York being the last state to comply with HAVA is attempting to replace the lever machines that are currently used in elections. However, New York has not chosen a new voting system to date. This program will look at the issue of voting technology from a federal and local perspective. The heart of the discussion will be mapping the journey New York has taken to comply with HAVA and the consequences of implementing such technologies.

**Topics include:**
- History of Voting Equipment
- Help America Vote Act and Relevant Legislation
- Direct-Recording Electronic and Optical Scan Voting Systems
- A study of voting machine use throughout New York State
- The effect of voting machine technology on the legal field

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