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**Maria Hickey, Anchor:**

Election officials in St. Louis County are starting a campaign to teach citizens how to use new electronic voting machines. As in St. Louis City, voters will have a choice between touch screen machines or optical scan paper ballots. Election Board Chairman John Diehl says computerized voting is nothing new, but getting rid of punch cards will improve accuracy.

**John Diehl, Chairman, County Election Board:**

Punch card is a system that's kind of by computers; it's just where it's counted. The punch cards are actually computer programming devices and they're taken back and they just count at the election. Now the ballots will be counted at the precinct level but tabulated centrally.

**Hickey:**

Diehl says the education campaign is aimed at every county voter. It includes mass mailings and equipment demonstrations. The new machines will go into service during the August 8th Primary