

Gaston commissioner wins state House seat in a nail-biter

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Republican Pearl Burris Floyd won a seat on the N.C. House of Representatives with a narrow victory over her opponent Tuesday.

Floyd, 52, won election in District 110, which represents parts of Cleveland and Gaston counties. She received 14,584 votes (50.8 percent), while Democrat Davy Lowman received 14,122 votes (49.2 percent), according to unofficial results.

More than 28,700 votes had been cast in the race as of Tuesday night.

Gaston County elections director Frances Pinion said the final results in the race won't be known until provisional ballots are counted this week.

Floyd, an anatomic pathology manager and cancer detection specialist, is vice chairwoman of the Gaston County Board of Commissioners. She was appointed to the board in 2001 and elected in 2002 and 2006.

She said she knew the finish would be tight, but she was "extremely happy" Tuesday night that voters supported her.

"I take that as a high honor and I look forward to serving the citizens of Gaston and Cleveland," she said.

Floyd celebrated the victory at the Country Kitchen in her hometown of Dallas with "the whole Pearl team," which included supporters and friends.

"I'm just going to get in there, roll up my sleeves, learn how to do this job and do great things for the district," she said. "I want to continue my work with looking at senior initiatives. I'd very much love to serve on some of the health care boards."

Lowman, a 28-year-old instructor at Gaston College, said he couldn't be more thankful to the supporters who came so close to helping him win.

"It's one of those things where you'd think I'd be incredibly depressed right now, but I couldn't be more proud," he said. "We worked very hard. We came very close."

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