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### Several races remain in limbo

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Leon Maynor presents his voter residency challenges to

LUMBERTON — About half of the provisional ballots cast in the March





the Robeson County Board of Elections on Tuesday. -

15 primary in Robeson County have been thrown out.

According to Steve Stone, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections, 481 provisional ballots out of more than 850 cast were found to be eligible to be counted. He said

that of 481 eligible ballots, 310 were counted in full while the other 171 were partial ballots, meaning that only some of the races were counted.

Robeson County election officials late Tuesday were still counting provisional ballots. Provisionals could affect several close races, including for Lumberton City Council Precinct 7, Pembroke mayor and two seats on the Board of Education.

“Of the partial ballots, which all must be counted by hand, all would include the non-partisan school board races and the state bond referendum,” Stone said. ‘The other races counted would depend on such factors as the voter’s party affiliation and district in which they are eligible to vote.”

Stone said that the results of the provisional count based on individual districts and precincts should be available today. Canvassing of all the March 15 election results is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Robeson County Board of Elections’ office on North Walnut Street in Lumberton.

Early on Tuesday, the three-member Board of Elections heard residency challenges in the tight do-over race for the Precinct 7 seat on the Lumberton City Council between incumbent Leon Maynor and challenger Laura Sampson.

Stone said that Maynor initially filed 54 residency challenges but 23 were dismissed. Of the remaining 31 challenges, the Board of Elections sustained 11, meaning it found no issues with those ballots.

At one point during the challenge hearings, Maynor appeared frustrated, telling the board he was “confused” at some of the rulings on individual challenges, like cases in which a public housing resident was allowed to vote with the address they claimed, but had not been recently listed on a lease.

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Stone replied that state law clearly states that in deciding residency challenges a decision must lean toward the voter as much as possible.

“We don’t want to disenfranchise any voters,” said Stone.

Maynor told The Robesonian as he left the hearing that he had no comment about the results of Tuesday’s hearings.

“I’m just waiting to see what will happen next,” he said.

The Precinct 7 race is one of several races in which provisional ballots could change results of the March 15 elections. The unofficial Election Day results for the Precinct 7 seat show Maynor ahead of Sampson by 16 votes, 346 to 330.

In addition to the Precinct 7 race, the three other races most likely to be affected by by provisional votes are the at-large seats on the county school board, the District 4 school board seat and the state-mandated do-over election for the mayor of Pembroke.

In the school board race that had 10 candidates vying for three at-large seats, incumbent Jo Ann Lowery missed keeping a seat on the board by finishing fourth, 83 votes behind the third place vote-getter, incumbent Randy Lawson.

In the District 4 race for school board, Charles Bullard appears to have defeated incumbent Bosco Locklear by 28 votes.

Greg Cummings defeated challenger Allen Dial in the Pembroke mayoral race by 10 votes.

All vote counts are unofficial until the canvassing of all votes takes place.

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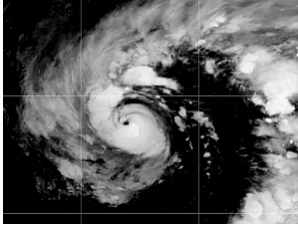


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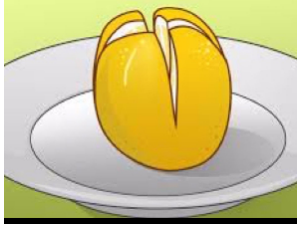
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