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Democrats retained majority control of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives



HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Democrats retained majority control of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on Friday by holding onto a Johnstown area district, giving them just enough votes to keep the speakership and determine the chamber's voting agenda.

The win by incumbent Rep. Frank Burns is the final House race to be called in a year when none of the 203 districts are changing hands. It gave Democrats a 102-101 margin and dashed Republican hopes of returning to control after two years in the minority.

Burns beat Republican Amy Bradley, chief executive of the Cambria Regional Chamber of Commerce and a former television news anchor and reporter.

House Democratic leaders attributed their victory to working "on the issues people care about," like reductions in prescription costs for seniors and property tax and rent relief.

"The people returned our caucus to the majority, which is an affirmation of our agenda and a credit to the pragmatic and moderate stewardship of House Democrats and Governor Josh Shapiro," those leaders said in a statement. "We're grateful for this opportunity and ready to continue to help our neighbors."