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Weather

Partly cloudy and warm, slight chance of showers. Highs in the 80s, Lows in the 60s. Details on Page 2-A.

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Victory In Court

MIAMI (AP) — JoAnn Saunders, winner of Tuesday's Democratic runoff in the 5th Congressional District, won another battle Wednesday when an Orlando judge tossed out a suit challenging her candidacy.

The suit had been filed by Miller Newton, who lost the runoff when Mrs. Saunders earned 58 per cent of the vote and the right to face Republican incumbent freshman Richard Kelly in November.

Newton claimed in his suit, filed before the primary, that Mrs. Saunders should not be on the ballot because she was late in filing a financial-disclosure form required of all candidates. She said it was late because it had inadvertently been filed instead of sent to the state Elections Division in Tallahassee.

Circuit Judge William Gridley ruled Wednesday afternoon that Newton had not "successfully actuated this court's jurisdiction, and is not therefore entitled to a declaration of rights in this court."

This refers to the expectation by Newton that the judge would make a declaratory

judgement that Mrs. Saunders was not a legal candidate.

It could not immediately be learned if Newton planned to appeal the ruling. He also has the right to appeal to the state Ethics Commission.

Winners and losers didn't embrace in the 12th District Democratic runoff, either, where Hollywood dentist Charlie Friedman captured 53 per cent of the vote in defeating Broward County Commissioner Anne Kolb.

Mrs. Kolb and her husband have filed two libel suits totaling \$1.1 million against Friedman. "We're going to pursue those suits very vigorously," Mrs. Kolb said following Tuesday's defeat. "The suits involve money, but even if we don't get any, we're going to clear my name."

On the Gulf Coast, Republican state Rep Bob Johnson of Sarasota picked up 57 per cent of the vote to beat Joe Livingood, a former Sarasota County planning commissioner.

Low voter turnout marked all three of the races. Less than 50,000 Democrats voted in the 5th District, compared to 70,000 in the first primary.

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