

## Governor's Race A Dead Heat In WRAL Poll

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The race between Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper is a virtual tie days out from the election in the latest exclusive  
WRAL  
News poll released Tuesday.

SurveyUSA  
polled 659 people statewide who have already cast their ballots or are likely to vote between Friday and Monday and found the Cooper leads  
McCrory  
48 to 47 percent. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points.

McCrory  
appears to have benefited from his handling of Hurricane Matthew. In the  
WRAL  
survey, 39 percent of respondents rated his handling of the disaster preparation and recovery effort as excellent, with another 31 percent said his efforts were good. Only 6 percent said he did a poor job of responding to the storm.

At 45 percent, the governor's approval rating is the highest it's been in the four  
WRAL  
News polls conducted this year, and it's only 1 point below his disapproval rating, which is the closest he's come in the four polls to breaking even.

Cooper's approval rating remains far ahead of his  
disapprovals  
, 47 to 33 percent, although 20 percent are still undecided about his performance as attorney general.

In the  
Lietutenant  
Governor's race, Republican Dan Forest leads Democratic challenger Linda Coleman 49 to 42 percent while Democrat Josh Stein of Wake County leads Buck Newton, R-Wilson, 47 to 43 percent, in the race for Attorney General.

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