

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
May 13th, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 8:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Brian Lewis
Subject: Communities of Interest

Who have been identified as particular targets to reach out to - to get input? On classically marginalized folx what plan is to insure commission will contact them?

Also I want BI-POC Communities not to be split when marking boundaries - but not as a goal of suppression but more as a goal of reparative justice!!

Brian Lewis
Kalamazoo MI
49008

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 12:15 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: cbearnc@aol.com
Subject: Residents of Michigan only

To whom it may concern,

As Michigan is drawing up new redistricting lines only Michigan residents should have a say in how those lines are formed.

As there is now a public forum portal, please require more contact information that will show where the people commenting live so you can better understand what Michiganders want not people from out of state or out of country. Again, these are issues for those who reside in Michigan not elsewhere.

Thank you,

Christy Englert

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 11:46 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Corrie Wilhelm

Subject: Redistricting Input

Michigan Redistricting Commission,

I've heard that you are allowing other states, and a foreign country to give input on how redistricting in Michigan should be implemented. If true, it is absolutely ludicrous to even consider having any person, state or entity outside of Michigan to weigh in on those decisions. And how can you as a commission even vindicate something like that? I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Corrie Wilhelm
Washtenaw Co.
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:37 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Heather Urbaniak
Subject: Influence on redistricting in Michigan

Hello Commission Members,

I live in Michigan, my children live in Michigan. The decisions you make will affect my life and the future of Michigan's citizens. No other state or country has the right to influence the outcome of this commission. Your responsibility is to the citizens of Michigan alone.

Foreign influence on elections, districts, procedures and these proceedings is untenable. Serve the citizens of Michigan honorably and preserve our state.

Thank you,

Heather Urbaniak

Wayne county

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:15 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ridgeend
Subject: IDENTIFYING AND VERIFYING THE RESIDENT OF RESPONDERS

Please correct the link to your commission for comments to include the FULL name and address of responders to prevent out-of-staters from influencing your decision making. We MUST assure that only Michigan residents will have a voice in the redistricting process.

Jack and Lorrie Bley

Paw Paw, MICHIGAN !!

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:02 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dave Youngdahl
Subject: Meeting

More to my point, only heard self interest, nothing about change.

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dave Youngdahl
Subject: Jackson meeting

I could only listen to 40 inputs from our neighbors, at what point do we stop being self absorbed and think about community? We have to live together, instead of talking, how about listening. Nice thought, but think same old.

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:12 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lynne K
Subject: Suggestion for hearings

To whom it may concern,

I would ask that commissioners who are zooming in be aware of facial expressions and body language as people are presenting, and try to remain impartial.

Thank you.
Lynne Kochmanski
Saline, MI

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 5:32 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Julianne Reyes
Subject: Include name and addresses on comments

Please have every person that makes a comment on Michigan redistricting include their full name and address so that we know they are making comments for the state and district where they live.

—Julianne Reyes

[REDACTED]
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 5:10 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Robert Ponte
Subject: Re: Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Update

After reflection, for personal reasons I did not complete or submit an application to serve on the Commission.

With any plan that deprives gerrymander - the max number of possible seats automatically assigned, by 'gerrymander', to the party in power - I am fine.

I have no idea what to say at a meeting? Keep up the good work?

About my damn representation and electoral district lines - you can do better; simply by removing artificial, politically-advantageous boundaries, I expect you will; every day you earn the thanks of every Michigander, thanks!

Moreover, for work you do making it easier to vote, likewise thanks!

Robert Ponte
Chelsea, Michigan

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Darrell DeGraw
Subject: Redistricting

Commissioners,

I am a Michigan resident and take this issue very seriously. Please do NOT consider outsiders' opinions or influence in your decisions. This would not be honest or fair to us, the residents of Michigan. Only OUR input should be relevant to this project. Please help us preserve our state the way it is! Thank you!

Darrell DeGraw
Hudsonville, Mi

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 4:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Hedi Kaufman
Subject: Question re. producing new maps

Are you familiar with a computer algorithm that generates customized redistricting alternatives? I have found one at <http://www.districtsolutions.net>

Input: geographical and demographic data, criteria to be met -----> Output: redistricting maps

It really works! Please consult the website above.

Hedi Kaufman

[REDACTED]

Monroe, MI 48162

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Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:59 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Nancy A Smith
Subject: Maps to Attach to my Public Comment

Good Afternoon,

I have tried many times today, using file upload on the portal, to upload my maps (which are in a .pdf format). Even though the message tells me it was successfully uploaded, it apparently is NOT.

Per the advice of Commissioner Wagner, I am attaching my maps here. Please, can they be attached to my comment on the gallery titled, "COI Testimony-S.H. Districts Jackson Co., which was submitted today (5/11/21).

Thanks so much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Smith

Liberty Township, Jackson County

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:20 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Lorraine Root

Subject: Redistricting ideas from outside Michigan

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

I don't think we should be considering what other people in other states or countries want to see in the way of redistricting Michigan. Thank you. Lorraine Root, Paw Paw, Mi., Van Buren County

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:45 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Kim Harris

Subject: Redistricting in MI

Good afternoon Commission Members:

I am a resident of Southwest Michigan and specifically my residence is at 5790 Bay Meadow Trail in Portage. My family has been a resident of the state of MI and of Portage since December 2000 when we relocated from the suburbs of Chicago.

We chose to move to Portage because of the close knit community, the school district, the diversity it brought and the services available to the Portage residents. We chose a neighborhood that had easy and fast access to police, fire, the public library, shopping and bike trails.

Unfortunately, it appears that I am now directly impacted by the choices you will make in drawing new lines after the 2020 Census results. I want to make it crystal clear that nobody, I mean nobody from another state, or country votes in Michigan, or at least they should no be doing this. Therefore, it's our constitutional right that ONLY MI citizens and current residents have the input with the upcoming redistricting no one else.

Thank you,

Kim Harris

Integrative Nutrition Health Coach



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Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 11:41 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Anna Kutlich

Subject: Redistricting Michigan

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Residents in Michigan, not elsewhere, should be drawing our new lines. The city of Troy should be left intact as one "community of interest."

Sincerely,
Anna Kutlich

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 11:40 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gary Kopkau
Subject: Public Comment

To whom it may concern:

There should be a method to assure that only Michigan residents are able to comment.


This could bse done by requiring home addresses to make sure only Michigan residents comment


Gary Kopkau
[REDACTED]
Troy, MI 48095

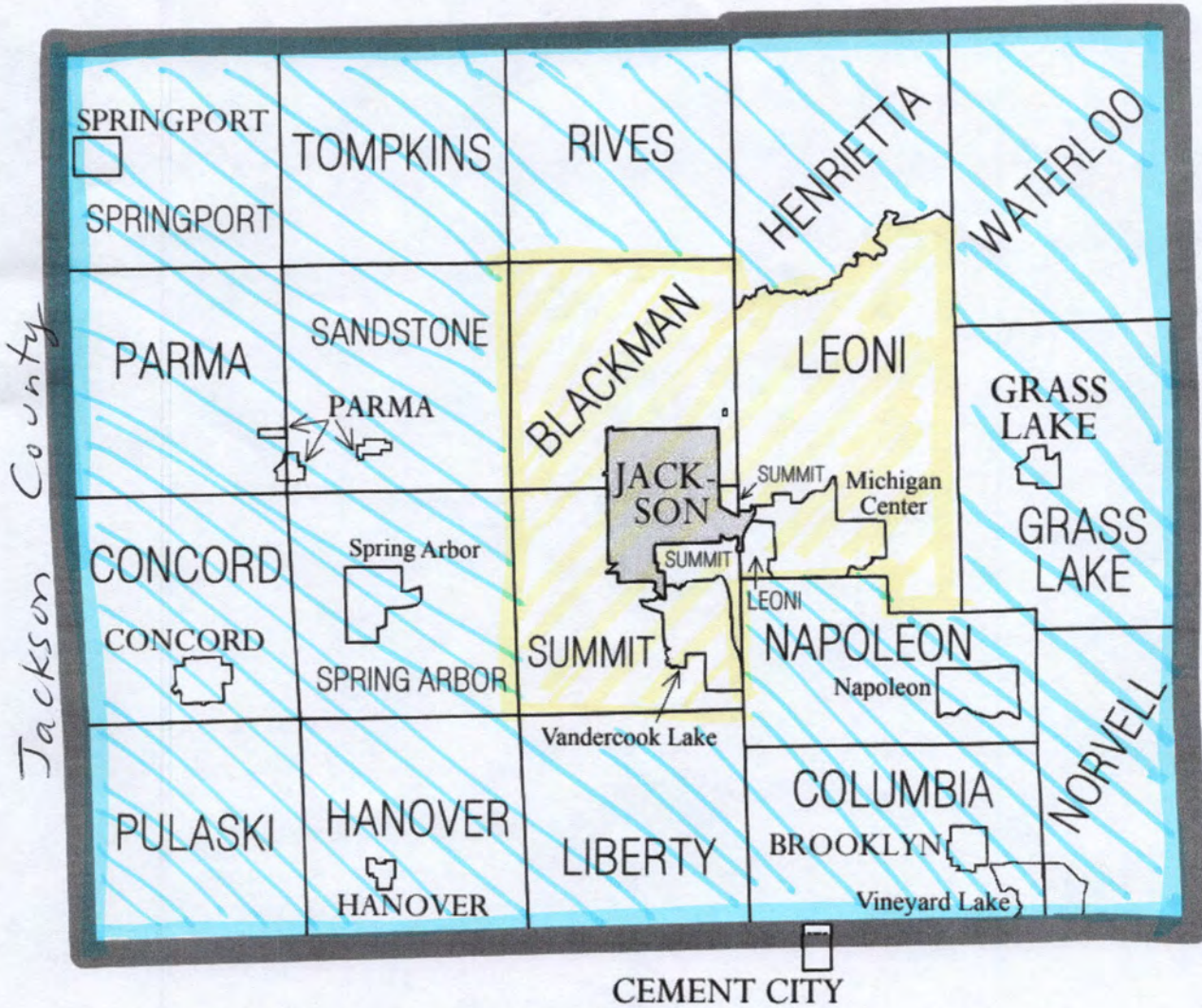
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C.O.I. Testimony from Nancy A. Smith - Map Attachment

 = Jackson County Rural

 = Jackson Co. Urban/Suburban



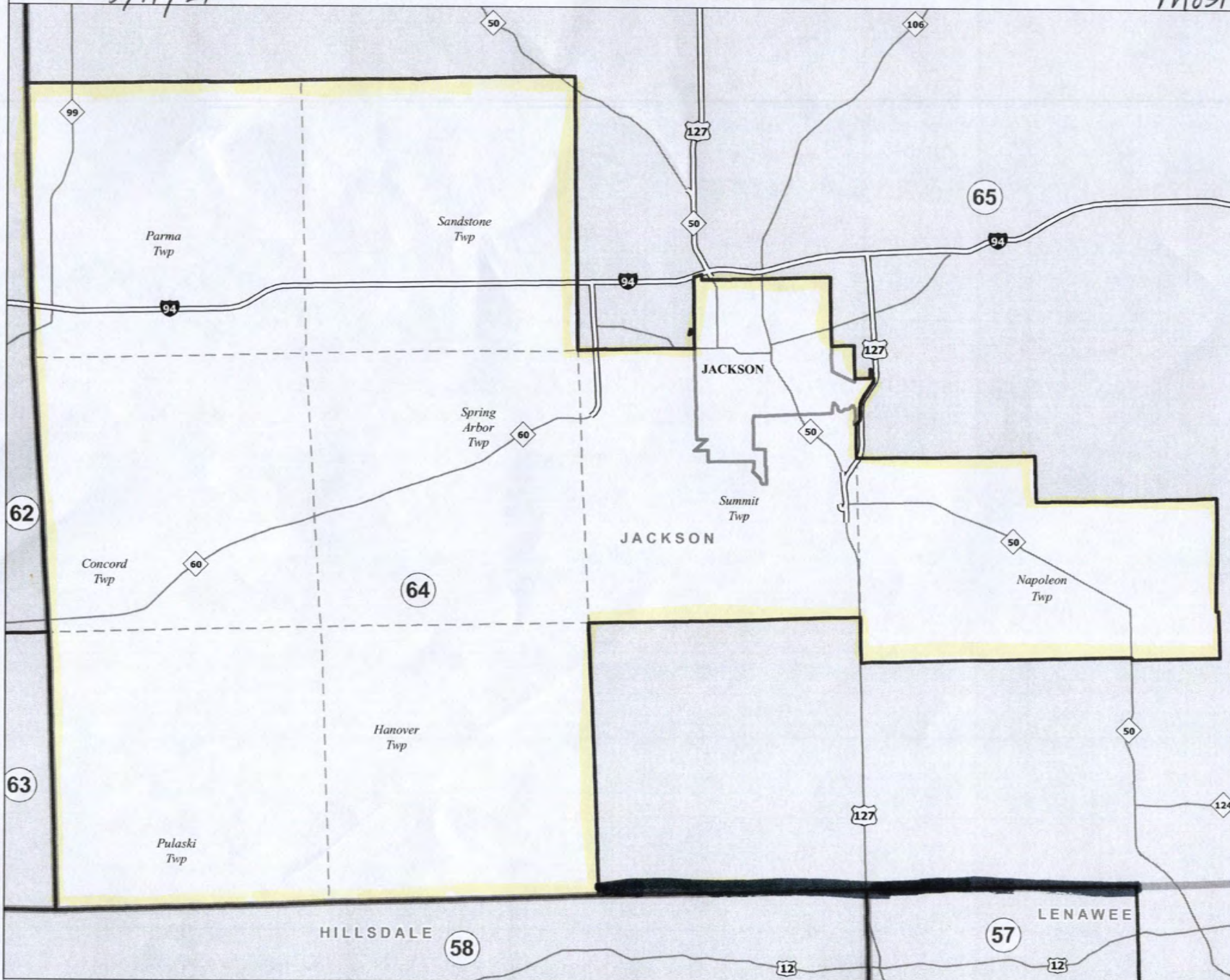
This map shows fairer and more compact district lines if Jackson Co. is to be divided into 2 new State House Districts.

COI Testimony
from Nancy A. Smith
5/11/21

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 64 2011 Apportionment Plan

0 2.5 5 Miles

Elected Rep. is
from rural area.
Most of population
in District is
Urban &
Suburban.



Legend

- House District
- City
- County
- Township
- Freeway
- Highway



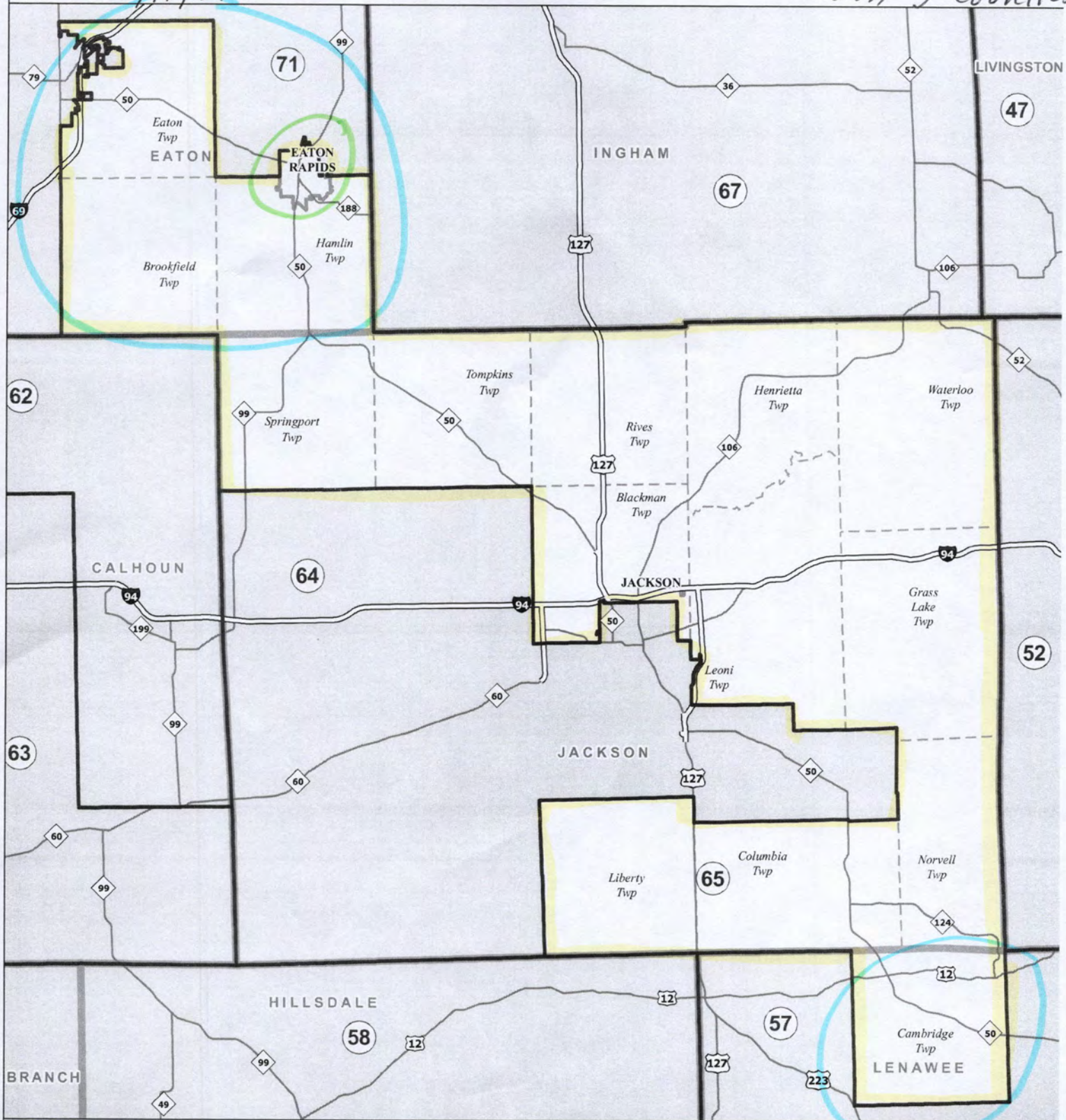
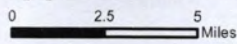
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Base Map:
Michigan Geographic Framework v11a
Legislative District Boundaries:
2011 Apportionment Plan
(as enacted by PA 129 of 2011)



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from Nancy A. Smith
5/11/21

MICHIGAN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 65
2011 Apportionment Plan

NON-compact
in shape
& meanders
across 3 counties!



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Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget
12/20/11

Source: Base Map - Michigan Geographic Framework v11a
Legislative District Boundaries - 2011 Apportionment Plan (as enacted by PA 129 of 2011)

Legend

	House District		County		Freeway
	City		Township		Highway

