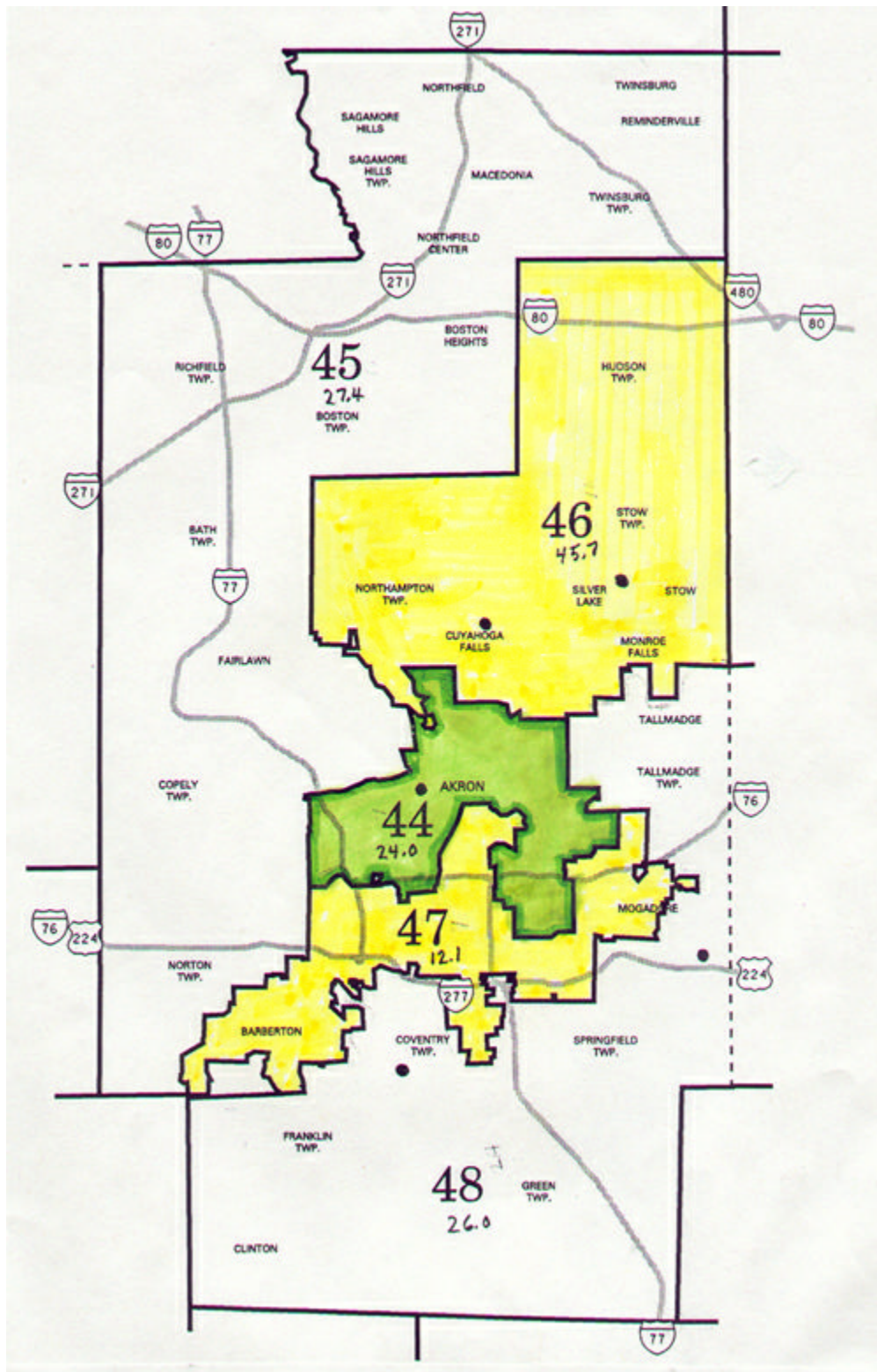


Summit County House Districts



Summit County has, historically, been Democrat-oriented. Since 1970 it has elected Democrats to Congress, and there were times in the 1970s and 1980s when all five of its state representatives were Democrats. In 1991 the Apportionment Board created two heavily-Democratic inner-city districts of low compactness: HD 44 of C.I. 24.0 and HD 47 of C.I. 12.1. The remainder of the county, plus part of adjacent Portage County,

was divided among marginally-Democratic HD 48 and two Republican districts. Incumbent Democrats Tom Seese and Cliff Skeen were paired in HD 48, forcing Skeen to retire. Seese held the seat in 1992 but went down in the Republican tide of 1994. Democrat Karen Doty won open Republican HD 45 in 1992 and held it in 1994. Incumbent Democrat Wayne Jones won Republican HD 46 in 1992 and held it in 1994. In 1996, however, Jones retired and newly open HD 46 was won by a Republican. A Republican challenger defeated Doty, so now both HD 45 and HD 46 elect representatives of the party these districts were designed to elect.