

House District 25

1971 Apportionment Board (Democrat) Plan



JAMES W. RANKIN, 25 Dist.

Inclusion of Norwood in HD 24 to meet the needs of a white Democrat leaves a dumbbell-shaped district lying just to the south: HD 25, electing black Democrat James Rankin. Rankin was not consulted. When presented with this *fait accompli* he was furious. In times past he was able to "walk" his small, compact district. Now it was elongated and its C.I. reduced to 23.2.

