55TH CONGRESS, 2d Session. } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. { REPORT No. 1551.

TRANSFERRING MENARD COUNTY TO THE NORTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS, ETC.

JUNE 14, 1898.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PARKER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9955.]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9955) entitled "A bill to transfer the county of Menard, in the State of Texas, from the western district of Texas to the northern district of Texas, and for other purposes," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass without amendment:

The title clearly states the object of the bill. Sections 2, 3, and 4 provide for pending cases and that cases originating in Menard County and heretofore returnable at Austin, Tex., shall hereafter be returnable in the northern district at San Angelo, Tex.

Austin is 180 miles from Menardville, the county seat of Menard County, and to go to Austin requires a stage journey of 80 miles to Llano and 100 miles by rail thence to Austin. The distance from Menardville to San Angelo is 58 miles.

A numerously signed petition from Menard County advocates the change, the signatures including those of the judge, sheriff, tax collector, clerk, county treasurer, tax assessor, county surveyor, and county commissioners, and the bill is urged by the Representative of the district in which Menard County is situated.

The Representative of the district in which Austin is situated files his consent that Menard County, which is now returnable at Austin, should be returnable to San Angelo, which is nearer to Menard.

The committee respectfully report the bill and recommend its passage.

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