

202A.053 Venue. (Effective October 1, 2026)

- (1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a respondent who has been ordered involuntarily hospitalized following the preliminary hearing shall have venue for all subsequent proceedings, including the final hearing, transferred to the court of the county where the respondent is hospitalized.
- (b) A court may order venue be transferred back to the county where the respondent resides if the court has ordered the respondent to receive outpatient treatment under KRS 202A.051 or 202A.0805. The receiving county shall then assume venue and responsibility for the respondent's treatment plan and supervision, and shall make orders as the court sees fit.
- (2) The court of the county where the preliminary hearing was held may, upon its own motion, or shall, upon motion of one (1) of the parties, retain venue over proceedings subsequent to the preliminary hearing.
- (3) The court of the county where the county attorney has filed a motion for a certification review hearing under KRS 202A.028, 202A.029, or 202A.061 shall retain venue over the proceedings.

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