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Abstract: Provides that venue for filing a petition for involuntary commitment and for challenging an involuntary commitment is the district court for the judicial district in which the respondent is confined, resides, or may be found.

Present law allows a petition for commitment to be filed in the judicial district in which the respondent is confined, or if not confined, where the respondent resides or may be found.

Present law allows the hearing on a challenge to a commitment to be heard in the judicial district court in which the respondent is confined, or if not confined, where the respondent resides or may be found.

Present law provides for a change of venue upon a showing of good cause or compelling reasons.

Proposed law retains the present law venue provisions except as follows:

- (1) Does not allow transfer of venue.
- (2) Removes the limitation of filing the petition where the respondent resides or is found only in cases where the respondent is not confined.

(Amends R.S. 28:54(A), 55(A), and 56(A)(2)(a))