



Texas. Thus, jurisdiction is proper in the Eastern District of Texas. However, the petition has been inadvertently filed in the Lufkin division.

While jurisdiction is proper in the Eastern District of Texas, the court has considered the circumstances and has determined that the interest of justice would best be served if this petition were transferred to the division in which petitioner is confined.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), for the convenience of parties and witnesses and in the interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other district or division where it could have been brought. Such a transfer may be done *sua sponte* and is reviewable only for an abuse of discretion. *Mills v. Beech Aircraft Corp.*, 886 F.2d 758, 761 (5th Cir. 1989).

Since petitioner has established no jurisdictional connection to the Lufkin division and jurisdiction is proper in the Beaumont division, the transfer of this action to such division would further justice. Therefore, it is the opinion of the undersigned that this petition should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division. An Order of Transfer so providing shall be entered in accordance with this Memorandum Opinion.

**SIGNED this the 24th day of August, 2020.**



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KEITH F. GIBLIN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE