

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

CHRISTOPHER J. SMITH (#31105)

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

NO. 17-396-JJB-EWD

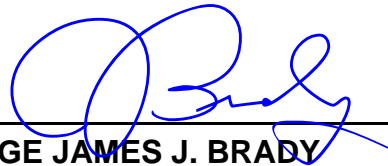
SHERIFF ELECT CRAIG WEBER, ET AL.

RULING

The court has carefully considered the petition, the record, the law applicable to this action, and the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge Erin Wilder-Doomes dated July 31, 2017 (doc. no. 3) to which No objection has been filed.

The court hereby approves the report and recommendation of the magistrate judge and adopts it as the court's opinion herein. Accordingly, this matter is TRANSFERRED to the Eastern District of Louisiana for further proceedings. Further, a determination regarding Plaintiff's right to proceed as a pauper herein is deferred to the transferee court for resolution and disposition.

Signed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on August 16, 2017.



**JUDGE JAMES J. BRADY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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