

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**38-2305. Venue.** (a) Venue for proceedings in any case involving a juvenile shall be in any county where any act of the alleged offense was committed.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), venue for sentencing proceedings shall be in the county of the juvenile offender's residence or, if the juvenile offender is not a resident of this state, in the county where the adjudication occurred. When the sentencing hearing is to be held in a county other than where the adjudication occurred, upon adjudication, the judge shall contact the sentencing court and advise the judge of the transfer. The adjudicating court shall send immediately to the sentencing court a facsimile or electronic copy of the complaint, the adjudication journal entry or judge's minutes, if available, and any recommendations in regard to sentencing. The adjudicating court shall also send to the sentencing court a complete copy of the official and social files in the case by mail or electronic means within seven days of the adjudication.

(c) If the juvenile offender is adjudicated in a county other than the county of the juvenile offender's residence, the sentencing hearing may be held in the county in which the adjudication was made or, if there are not any ongoing proceedings under the Kansas code for care of children, in the county of the residence of the custodial parent, parents, guardian or conservator if the adjudicating judge, upon motion, finds that it is in the interest of justice. If there are ongoing proceedings under the revised Kansas code for care of children, then the sentencing hearing shall be held in the county in which the proceedings under the revised Kansas code for care of children are being held.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 169, § 5; L. 2010, ch. 5, § 4; L. 2010, ch. 155, § 14; L. 2011, ch. 48, § 2; July 1.