

INA: ACT 335 - INVESTIGATION OF APPLICANTS; EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS

(f) An applicant for naturalization who moves from the district of the Service in the United States in which the application is pending may, at any time thereafter, request the Service to transfer the application to any district of the Service in the United States which may act on the application. The transfer shall not be made without the consent of the Attorney General. In the case of such a transfer, the proceedings on the application shall continue as though the application had originally been filed in the district of the Service to which the application is transferred.

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Sec. 334.17 Transfer of petition for naturalization.

(a) Application for transfer. An application to transfer a petition for naturalization, filed prior to October 1, 1991, shall be made on Form N - 455, in quadruplicate, to the district director exercising administrative jurisdiction over the place where the court in which the petition is filed is located.

(b) Action by district director. If the district director consents to the transfer, he shall so indicate on each copy of Form N - 455, which shall be filed with the clerk of court in which the petition is pending. If the district director does not consent to the transfer he shall so indicate on each copy of Form N - 455 which shall be filed with the clerk of court, with a memorandum of the district director setting forth the reasons for the denial. The applicant shall be notified by the district director of the filing of Form N - 455 with the clerk of court, and whether consent has been given by the district director.

(c) Action by court in which petition is filed. The court in which the petition is filed shall enter an order on the original copy of Form N - 455, approving or disapproving the application. If the application is approved, the original copy of Form N - 455 shall be filed with the naturalization record in the office of the clerk of court, the duplicate and triplicate copies, duly attested and certified, transmitted to the court to which the petition is to be transferred, and the quadruplicate copy, also attested and certified, transmitted to the district director. If the application is disapproved, the original Form N - 455 shall be filed with the naturalization record in the office of the clerk of court and the remaining copies transmitted to the district director, who shall notify the applicant of the disapproval.

(d) Action by court to which petition is transferred. The court to which the petition is to be transferred shall enter an order on the duplicate copy of Form N - 455, approving or disapproving the transfer. The duplicate copy shall be filed with the clerk of the court to which the petition is to be transferred, and the triplicate copy, duly attested and certified,

transmitted to the clerk of the court in which the petition is filed. If the application is disapproved, the clerk of court receiving the triplicate copy shall notify the district director, who shall notify the applicant of the disapproval.

(e) Transfer of petition and record. If the court to which the petition is to be transferred approves the transfer, the clerk of court in which the petition is filed shall file the triplicate copy of Form N - 455 with the naturalization record and forward a certified copy of the petition, and the originals of all documents filed relating thereto, to the court to which the petition is being transferred, and notify the district director having administrative jurisdiction over the place in which the petition is filed, of the action taken. Upon receipt of the certified copy and record, the clerk of court to which the petition is transferred shall index it, number it consecutively in the order in which it is received, prefixed by the letters TR, and in a series separate from petitions originally filed in the court. The petition shall be made a part of the record of the naturalization court. No fee shall be charged by the clerk of the court to which the petition is transferred for the filing of the transferred petition or the issuance of a certificate of naturalization.