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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.

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§ 334.18 Withdrawal of petition and failure to prosecute.

(a) A petitioner who desires to withdraw his petition for naturalization, filed prior to October 1, 1991, shall make request for withdrawal on Form N-404, in duplicate. The original shall be filed with the clerk of court and the duplicate with the office of the Service exercising administrative jurisdiction over the district in which the court is located. At the final hearing upon the petition, the officer in attendance shall inform the court whether the district director consents to the withdrawal of the petition. In cases in which the district director does not consent to the withdrawal, the court shall determine the petition on its merits.

(b) At the final hearing upon a petition for naturalization which the petitioner has failed to prosecute, the officer in attendance shall inform the court whether the district director consents to dismissal of the petition for lack of prosecution. In cases in which the district director does not move that the petition be dismissed for lack of prosecution, the court shall determine the petition on its merits.

[22 FR 9819, Dec. 6, 1957, as amended at 56 FR 50496, Oct. 7, 1991]

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