

diately preceding the filing of the application for naturalization or after such filing and before taking the final oath of citizenship is, or has been found to be within any of the classes enumerated within this section, notwithstanding that at the time the application is filed he may not be included within such classes.

(d) Any person who is within any of the classes described in subsection (a) solely because of past membership in, or past affiliation with, a party or organization may be naturalized without regard to the provisions of subsection (c) if such person establishes that such membership or affiliation is or was involuntary, or occurred and terminated prior to the attainment by such alien of the age of sixteen years, or that such membership or affiliation is or was by operation of law, or was for purposes of obtaining employment, food rations, or other essentials of living and where necessary for such purposes.

(e) A person may be naturalized under this subchapter without regard to the prohibitions in subsections (a)(2) and (c) of this section if the person—

- (1) is otherwise eligible for naturalization;
- (2) is within the class described in subsection (a)(2) solely because of past membership in, or past affiliation with, a party or organization described in that subsection;
- (3) does not fall within any other of the classes described in that subsection; and
- (4) is determined by the Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense when Department of Defense activities are relevant to the determination, and with the concurrence of the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to have made a contribution to the national security or to the national intelligence mission of the United States.

(June 27, 1952, ch. 477, title III, ch. 2, §313, 66 Stat. 240; Pub. L. 100-525, §9(u), Oct. 24, 1988, 102 Stat. 2621; Pub. L. 101-649, title IV, §407(c)(1), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 5041; Pub. L. 102-232, title III, §309(b)(13), Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1759; Pub. L. 103-416, title II, §219(v), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4318; Pub. L. 106-120, title III, §306, Dec. 3, 1999, 113 Stat. 1612; Pub. L. 108-177, title III, §373, Dec. 13, 2003, 117 Stat. 2628.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 405(b) of this Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is section 405(b) of act June 27, 1952, ch. 477, title IV, 66 Stat. 280, which is set out as a Savings Clause note under section 1101 of this title.

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original, “this Act”, meaning act June 27, 1952, ch. 477, 66 Stat. 163, known as the Immigration and Nationality Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1101 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 108-177 inserted “when Department of Defense activities are relevant to the determination” after “Secretary of Defense” and “and the Secretary of Homeland Security” after “Attorney General”.

1999—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-120 added subsec. (e).

1994—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 103-416 substituted “or” for “and” before “(F)”.

1991—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-232 inserted “and” before “(F)” and struck out “; (G) who, regardless of

whether he is within any of the other provisions of this section, is a member of or affiliated with any Communist-action organization during the time it is registered or required to be registered under the provisions of section 786 of title 50; or (H) who, regardless of whether he is within any of the other provisions of this section, is a member of or affiliated with any Communist-front organization during the time it is registered or required to be registered under section 786 of title 50” after “may hereafter adopt”.

1990—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-649 substituted “application” for “petition” wherever appearing.

1988—Subsec. (a)(2)(D). Pub. L. 100-525 substituted “party of” for “party or”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director’s capacity as the head of the intelligence community deemed to be a reference to the Director of National Intelligence. Reference to the Director of Central Intelligence or the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency in the Director’s capacity as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency deemed to be a reference to the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. See section 1081(a), (b) of Pub. L. 108-458, set out as a note under section 3001 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-416, title II, §219(v), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4318, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Dec. 12, 1991.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after June 27, 1952, see section 407 of act June 27, 1952, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

ABOLITION OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For abolition of Immigration and Naturalization Service, transfer of functions, and treatment of related references, see note set out under section 1551 of this title.

§ 1425. Ineligibility to naturalization of deserters from the Armed Forces

A person who, at any time during which the United States has been or shall be at war, deserted or shall desert the military, air, or naval forces of the United States, or who, having been duly enrolled, departed, or shall depart from the jurisdiction of the district in which enrolled, or who, whether or not having been duly enrolled, went or shall go beyond the limits of the United States, with intent to avoid any draft into the military, air, or naval service, lawfully ordered, shall, upon conviction thereof by a court martial or a court of competent jurisdiction, be permanently ineligible to become a citizen of the United States; and such deserters and evaders shall be forever incapable of holding any office of trust or of profit under the United States, or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof.

(June 27, 1952, ch. 477, title III, ch. 2, §314, 66 Stat. 241.)

§ 1426. Citizenship denied alien relieved of service in Armed Forces because of alienage

(a) Permanent ineligibility

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 405(b)¹ but subject to subsection (c), any alien

¹ See References in Text note below.