

INA §101(a)(27)(J) - Special Immigrant Juvenile

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(codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(J))

(a) As used in this chapter—

(27) The term “special immigrant” means—

(J) an immigrant who is present in the United States—

(i) who has been declared dependent on a juvenile court located in the United States or whom such a court has legally committed to, or placed under the custody of, an agency or department of a State, or an individual or entity

**appointed by a State or juvenile court located in the United States,
and whose reunification with 1 or both of the immigrant's parents is
not viable
due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or a similar basis found under
State law;**

**(ii) for whom it has been determined in administrative or judicial
proceedings
that it would not be in the alien's best interest to be returned to the
alien's or
parent's previous country of nationality or country of last habitual
residence;
and**

**(iii) in whose case the Secretary of Homeland Security consents to
the grant of
special immigrant juvenile status, except that—**

**(I) no juvenile court has jurisdiction to determine the custody
status or
placement of an alien in the custody of the Secretary of Health
and Human
Services unless the Secretary of Health and Human Services
specifically
consents to such jurisdiction; and**

**(II) no natural parent or prior adoptive parent of any alien
provided special
immigrant status under this subparagraph shall thereafter, by**

**virtue of
such parentage, be accorded any right, privilege, or status
under this
chapter.**

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