

Nationality is the origin of relationship between a person and the State which he is its subject. Nationality is an important factor manipulating the rights and duties of an individual having with the State. Such obligatory rights and duties create distinction between its nationality holders and the holders of nationalities other than the state they are living in. Since the matter concerning nationality is regarded as an internal affairs, the State has full powers and discretion to exact laws governing acquisition or removal of its nationality from undesirable holder(s). As some groups of people try to prove themselves that they are qualified and entitled to hold the nationality of the State in accordance with the criteria set by it, the burden of proof rest on them.

This thesis deals with the principles of proving Thai nationality of the person in question which includes the Immigration Act B.E. 2522, the Order of Revolutionary Party No. 337 dated December 13, B.E. 2515, comparative study of Thai principles versus foreign countries as well as conducting survey on the opinions of those working in the field of laws concerning the nationality affairs.

Lastly, the thesis also identify the problems arising from the proof of legitimate right of a person to hold Thai nationality, the shortcomings of the relevant laws requiring some amendment for more justice to the society. Improving the efficiency of the agencies responsible for the nationality affairs and taking the recommendation of those working for the abovementioned agencies into consideration are very useful. Improvement or amendment of the relevant laws would ultimately bring about more justice to those deserved to be given Thai nationality.