

My graduation thesis deals with the theory and practices of regional self-government units in the Czech Republic. It analyses its functions as they were drawn up at the turn of millennium. The graduation thesis consists of two parts. The first theoretical part deals with the function of regional self-government units in general. After a brief description of the history of these units on the Czech territory - with focus on discussions on the establishment of higher self-governmental units in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic after 1993 - a theoretical framework of the regional self-government units is described in the chapters and sub-chapters. I discuss the problems of functions and competences of regional bodies (the Regional Assembly, the Regional Committee, the President and the Regional Services) and relations among them. The information resources of the first part were especially the Law No 129/2000 Coll. on regional self-government units and a number of scientific publications of legal and political science literature. In addition, there are discussed tasks of regional elections according to the Law No 130/2000 Coll. on elections to the regional assemblies and in respect of results of regional elections in 2000 and 2004. Currently, the chapter focused on regional elections includes task of election strategy of political parties before regional elections in 2008. I deal only with political parties represented in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. Constantly important tasks of regional cooperation on domestic and international level are mentioned, too.

In the second part, practical functions of regional self-government units are discussed as a case study of the South Moravian Region. The application of practices is based on the first theoretical part. The introduction of the second part is presented by characteristics of the South Moravian Region.