

# **Electoral formula of proportional representation under the influence of majority elements (on the example of the Czech parliamentary elections 1992–2021)**

## **Abstract**

This rigorous thesis deals with legal regulations of proportional electoral systems, focusing on the specific constitutional regulation in the Czech Republic. It focuses on the elections to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in which Article 18 of the Constitution plays a very important role as a constitutional regulation requiring proportionality in the electoral setting. Proportionality is the feature of electoral systems that is most often investigated and emphasized throughout the work. The general part of the thesis first describes the historical context for the elections in the territory of the Czech lands. Furthermore, the work attempts to describe the basic differences between the majority and the proportional electoral systems from the theoretical point of view. Specifically, it describes a wide range of parameters of the proportional electoral system that influence the resulting composition of parliaments. It indicates how often individual parameters of electoral systems are used abroad today. Who, when and why started using them. The thesis also briefly discusses the evolution of the Czech electoral law since 1990. In the special part of the thesis, older, current and proposed electoral rules are applied to every concrete elections to the Chamber of Deputies since the year 1992 till the year 2021. This comparison is then complemented with the electoral settings in some neighbouring states. Considering the amount of data used to compare individual settings, this is a completely unique work that allows the reader to examine individual electoral settings from the widest number of points of view. Thanks to this, the work can finally set itself the goal of critically evaluating the latest electoral regulation, which was applied just once, and tries to be innovative in proposing the next direction in which the electoral regulation in the Czech Republic should go, so that there is no doubt about the compliance of the electoral law with Article 18 of the Constitution.

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