

The thesis deals with electoral thresholds of the fundamental electoral formulae, in particular, six proportional techniques and four plurality systems are analyzed. First, the general formulae for the theoretical thresholds are derived at both the district and nationwide levels. Second, the thesis focuses on Actual Thresholds, mainly on the question of their operational definition and academic relevance. Both the theoretical parts of the thesis concerned with the theoretical and actual thresholds are supported with an analysis of particular electoral systems. In the case of the theoretical threshold the analysed systems are those, which currently applies for the upper house of Parliament and for the municipal elections of the Czech Republic. The third analysed case is the electoral system used for the municipal elections of the Slovak Republic. In the case of empirical thresholds, the final chapter seeks to compare current and original electoral systems for the lower house of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.