

This dissertation analyzes the institution of president of republic. It describes specifics of this institution, located between “chief of state” and executive body. Then the dissertation studies his relationship to executive power. It covers analysis of presidential constitutional powers, but also other aspects, influencing presidential position and power in constitutional system.

Necessary part of this analysis is study of constitutional position of president. This study comes from parliamentary character of constitutional system and presidential powers in this system. It also includes comparison of chosen parliamentary systems.

Then the dissertation analyzes specific phenomenon of Czech president. In this country president traditionally has weak constitutional power, but in contrast he disposes with strong authority in public, and this authority gives him big informal influence in political relationships. It can empower his position very well.

Dissertation analyzes historical sources of this phenomenon, development of constitutional power of president and also traditions and constitutional use in praxis. It takes a thing about the role of all presidents in all [very diverse] regimes during Czechoslovak and Czech statehood. Development of presidential tradition after assumption of actual constitution is presented by bills of amendments, that were offered.

Tradition of Czech president is analyzed in view of relationship of president and his sovereign- public. Purpose of this analysis is to recognize sources of strong public authority of Czech president. In theoretic line dissertation takes a thing about the sources of constitution- motivations of constitution makers. It compares the influence of universal law theory and specific experiences of countries. That's the second reason for an introduction of some parliamentary systems.

Findings from preceding chapters are finally analyzed in optition of planned change of Czech constitution- implementation of direct presidential election. It takes a thing about potential changes of some aspects of presidential authority. In this light are shown basics and sources of presidential institution.