

Abstract

This rigorous thesis deals with the institution of presidential veto in the Czechoslovak and Czech constitutional system. It follows the constitutional development of the president's right to return to Parliament acts that it has adopted and compares it to the practical usage of this power by individual Czechoslovak and Czech presidents. In a political context and based on actual cases, it highlights the issues of the existing constitutional provisions. The thesis concludes with suggestions – *de constitutione ferenda* – for improving the functionality of the presidential veto as part of the system of checks and balances.