

The objective of the thesis is a detailed analysis of the senatorial elections on a micro-level in the following four election districts: district № 12 – the area of Strakonice, district № 15 – the area of Pelhřimov, district № 51 – the area of Žďár nad Sázavou and district № 54 – the area of Znojmo in the framework of two regular election terms in the years 1996 and 2002.

In the initial theoretical part, the thesis copes with majority electoral systems, deals with their internal classification and examines in more detail the effects of a two-round voting. A separate chapter of the thesis presents the Senate of the Czech Republic's Parliament as an upper chamber in the milieu of Czech parliamentarism and brings nearer the electoral system, embodied by law, exactly for the elections to the Senate. The second practical part of the thesis focuses on the micro-analysis of - in total - eight delimited senatorial elections. In the framework of each election district, the thesis takes into account internal socioeconomic and political circumstances, monitors characteristic features of individual electoral candidates and also the distribution of the electorate among three categories of municipalities, i.e. large towns with the population over five thousand inhabitants, middle size municipalities with the population from one to five thousand, and the smallest municipalities the population of which does not exceed one thousand people. The analysis of the election results is based on overall results in the election district, partial results according to size categories of municipalities, and detailed results in the framework of several particular towns and municipalities.