

Abstract

The purpose of the thesis is to evaluate the position of political parties in the Czech Republic on basis of constitutional and special statutory legislative regulations. First the position of political parties in the Czech Republic as a democratic state (constitutional point-of-view) is analyzed, followed by wording focused on legislation of basic aspects of existence and activities of political parties (particularly from the viewpoint of the statutory regulation). When processing the theme the jurisprudence and historical development of the relevant legislation was considered.

The thesis is composed of five chapters, each of them as a rule divided into subchapters. Chapter One describes the position of political parties in a democratic system of government, resulting from their relation to the state and the society. Individual subchapters deal with term and function definitions of political parties derived from the legal regulation and completed by corresponding jurisprudence of the Constitutional court. There is also reference to critical view typical for political parties institution in connection with legal regulations as a possible means for correction of some negative features mentioned. The Chapter Two is mainly focused on historical development of legal regulation of political parties on the territory of the present Czech Republic. The Chapter Three deals with structure of law sources related to the political parties issue.

Further parts of the theses contain more detailed analysis of legal regulation (Act No. 424/1991 Sb.) Chapter Four examines first the Act from the viewpoint of development trends. In this connection special attention is devoted to the issue of political parties economy in an independent subchapter. It is followed by analysis of legal regulation of political parties existence and activity in Chapter Five. The partial themes of individual subchapters here are creation, suspension of activity and dissolution of a party, termination of political parties. The subchapter dealing with problems of limitation of party activities is divided into the part summarizing materially-legal conditions for suspension of activity of parties and dissolution of a political party, the part concentrated on process framework and consequences of such an intervention, and the part describing a particular case of application of this legal regulation.

The Conclusion contains summary of basic knowledge, mentions main drawbacks of the present legal regulation related to the theme being processed and suggestions *de lege ferenda*.