

## **Abstract**

On January 1st, 2006, the act no. 500/2004 Coll., administrative procedure code (hereinafter “New administrative procedure code”) has come into effect, replacing the act no. 71/1967 Coll., on administrative proceedings (administrative procedure code) (hereinafter “Old administrative procedure code”). The New administrative procedure code came with a broad range of new legal institutes and altered many others.

The purpose of this thesis is to place the New administrative procedure code and the Old administrative procedure side by side to compare them with one another and to attempt to evaluate the contribution of the New administrative procedure code to the Czech legal system.

The structure of the thesis follows the structure of the New administrative procedure code. Because of the range restrictions, this thesis cannot cover the whole content of both administrative procedure codes, so the scope of the thesis is limited only to the most important or the most interesting changes that the New administrative procedure code has brought.

The thesis is composed of nine chapters; each of them deals with a different part of administrative procedure codes.

The first chapter describes the process of birth of the New administrative procedure code and comments on the explanatory report.

Chapter two focuses on initial provisions of both of the acts, the subject matter of regulation, their sphere of power and the basic principles of activities of administrative bodies.

Chapter three describes the term “administrative proceedings”.

Chapter four deals with administrative bodies, their jurisdiction, institute of request, exclusion from considering and deciding a case and a language of proceedings.

Chapter five compares the regulation of participants in proceedings, representation, time-limits and computation of time.

Chapter six looks at first-instance proceedings, its individual phases from procedure before the commencement of proceedings to suspension and discontinuance of proceedings.

Chapter seven discourses on the institute of decision, its particular types and on the nullity of a decision.

Chapter eight concerns the institute of protection against failure to act.

Chapter nine compares the remedies and supervisory means.

The conclusion of the thesis then summarizes findings of all chapters and endeavours to briefly evaluate the regulations laid down by the New administrative procedure code.