

ANNOTATION

The objective of the Ph.D. thesis “*Analysis of the Elections and Electoral Behaviour to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic*” is an analysis of Senate elections on a micro-level of districts in regular terms from 1996 to 2012, including by-elections. Data file comprises a total of 2153 candidates and their election results at the municipal level aggregated to five defined categories by number of registered voters. Analysis is mainly focused on the differences in electoral support for candidates in municipalities up to 999 voters, in municipalities between 1000 and 4999 voters, in municipalities between 5000 to 9999 voters, in municipalities over 10 000 voters and finally in districts covering territory of the four largest cities in the Czech Republic (the Capital City of Prague and cities Brno, Ostrava and Pilsen).

In the theoretical part, the Ph.D. thesis presents the Senat as the second house of Parliament of the Czech Republic and deals with the majority run-off system. A quantitative research of Senate elections is performed in the analytical part, where electoral success of candidates conditioned by their political parties, socio-economic and political circumstances in districts and individual profile of candidates is examined. The analysis describes differences among candidates of four largest political parties and between candidates of right-wing and left-wing parties. Conclusion summarizes the results to confirm or reject given hypothesis.

KEYWORDS

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