

Title of the rigorous thesis:

Regional Establishment and other Selected Aspects of Public Administration in the Czech Republic

Three key words:

- Supreme State Authorities (State Departments)
- Regional Authorities
- County Authorities

Abstract:

In this thesis, we have dealt with the regional system in the Czech Republic. At the beginning, we defined some basic concepts related to the issue of regional establishment, namely administrative law and its basic principles, we defined public administration, we defined local self-government, we gave a definition of regional establishment. We have also dealt with some other concepts.

In the next part of this thesis, we have dealt with the history of the regional system in Bohemia and Moravia. We have gone through the various historical phases of the development of the regional system from the beginning of the 13th century, through the Hussite period, the period of the Thirty Years' War, the period of enlightened absolutism and the transition from feudalism to capitalism. The next chapter was devoted to the period of the Austrian monarchy from 1848 onwards. The historical overview of the regional system ended with an outline of the development of the regional system after World War II. and during the period of communist dictatorship until 1989.

In the fourth part of this thesis we discussed the regional system in the present and de lege lata considerations. We have defined the constitutional foundations of local self-government and regional establishment according to the Constitution of the Czech Republic, the Charter of Human Rights and Basic Freedoms and according to the Constitutional Act no. 347/1997 of the Official Legal Journal. We have discussed the legal regulation contained in the European Charter of Local Self-Government. Of course, we also dealt in detail with the legal regulation of the regional establishment contained in Act no. 129/2000 of the Official Legal Journal., on Regions Authorities.

In the fifth part of this work, we have given a brief outline of local self-government and administrative organisation in individual EU Member States, whose legislation could be interesting and inspiring for the Czech Republic. In particular, we have given an overview of the regional and provincial arrangements in Slovakia, Poland, Austria and the Federal Republic of Germany, and we have finished this part with an outline of administrative divisions in France.

In the next part of the paper, we discussed the de lege ferenda regional set-up and selected aspects of the future public administration in the Czech Republic. We have outlined an overview of central government bodies (state departments) and their appropriate arrangement. We have reduced the number of regions in the Czech Republic from 14 to 8, we have discussed the possible return of districts to the system of public administration in the Czech Republic, etc.

In the last part of this paper, we have given an outlook on the possible organizational arrangement of the EU in the future. We recommended a confederal model for the EU, the basic elements of which would be a common foreign policy, a common currency, a common legal basis and common defence. Finally, we have divided the EU into 12 larger associated areas.

In conclusion of this thesis, we can only state that the author of this thesis is convinced of the necessity of public administration reform in the Czech Republic and especially the regional system. The state of public finances and public budget deficits in our country clearly suggest this. If the Czech Republic does not take the necessary reform steps and does not reduce its sprawling state and public administration, it may see huge inflation and state bankruptcy in a few years or even a few months. So there is nothing to wait for. The author of this paper does not claim to be 100% correct in all aspects, but he is certainly convinced of the need to reform the public administration in the direction outlined in this paper.