

# **The role of the President of the Republic in the appointment, acceptance of resignation and dismissal of the Government, the Prime Minister and members of the Government**

## **Abstract**

The thesis deals with the role of the President of the Republic in the appointment, acceptance of resignation and dismissal of the Government, the Prime Minister and members of the Government. It is structured into an introduction, three body parts and a conclusion.

The first part offers a brief overview of the relevant legislation, not only in terms of constitutional law, but also ordinary acts and European regulations.

The second part focuses on the classification of the Czech political system in context of the three basic forms of republican government, which are the presidential system, the semi-presidential system, and the parliamentary system. This classification establishes basic points of departure, which are useful in certain situations for the identification of a more systemically appropriate interpretation. This section also deals with the theoretical possibility of changing the type of government system solely based on the President's exercising his powers and offers the views of political scientists and constitutional lawyers on this issue.

The third and main part, divided into individual chapters titled according to competences, then belongs to the analysis of literature and opinions of theory, among which it tries to find the prevailing or at least the most rational interpretation in terms of the overall system of relations between the President, the Government, and possibly other institutions. The conclusions from the second part of the thesis are also used for this purpose. In this part, the views of theory are also confronted with concrete historical examples, in order to illustrate the problematic nature of the issues discussed and to compare how much the approach of constitutional actors to the exercise of powers agrees with what theory considers to be adequate. If they exist, period legal opinions on the specific situations are also cited.

The final part of the thesis offers a summary of the conclusions from the individual chapters of the third part, their generalization and placement in the broader context of the position of the President within the Czech political system, as well as a brief evaluation of the approaches of individual presidential office holders to the exercise of their powers and a short reflection on the state of the current legislation and its ability to resist efforts at purposeful interpretation and to resolve resulting conflicts.

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