

The topic the thesis, “Direct Election of the Head of the State and Its Impact on Constitutional Relationships,” has been selected owing to its current relevance, caused by the change of the manner of presidential election which had a historically long tradition in our country.

The aim of the paper is to provide a most complex view of the legal modifications of the election of the republic's president, to summarize the theoretical basis, to analyse the legislative procedure and to attempt to comprehensibly present this change of a constitutional law to citizens who might thus receive sufficient information on the issue. Furthermore, the author wishes to make the readers acquainted with the establishment and implementation of direct presidential election together with the manner of the election according to the new legislation, especially in accordance with Act no. 71/2012 Col. and Act no. 275/2012 Col.

The thesis consists of nine chapters. In six sub-chapters, the first chapter outlines the history of the presidential election from the establishment of Czechoslovakia throughout the totalitarian period and to the Czech Republic, including a brief summary of the former presidents. The second chapter includes argumentation for and against implementation of the direct election of the republic's president, the opinions being not only current, but referring also to the long discussion on this topic. The third chapter focuses on the genesis of direct election. It succinctly describes documents which proposed presidential election but were never approved. The fourth chapter of the thesis concentrates on the negotiation preceding the bill, and on the discussions between the coalition government and the opposition about the appropriate proposal. The second sub-chapter includes the legislative procedure as a whole, from submitting the bill to its approval and subsequent president's signature. Finally, the chapter also presents approved Act 71/2012 Col., which implements direct presidential election in the constitution and points out the most significant changes this novelization has brought. The fifth chapter focuses on Act 275/2012 Col., about the presidential election as the implementing law which was also approved in relation to the direct election.

The sixth chapter deals with the adjustment of president's election in Act 71/2012 Col. and 275/2012 Col. The seventh chapter describes the first direct election of the republic's president in Czech Republic in 2013, which briefly states the results of the first direct election according to the number of votes and election participation.

The eighth chapter includes the judicial review. The last, ninth chapter, draws attention to the impacts of the direct election's implementation on constitutional relationships.

Footnotes of this theoretical explication include more detailed explanations, practical demonstrations, and references to law regulations.

As was revealed, historically first direct election of the president of the Czech Republic did not avoid problems and actions in court, and exposed certain deficiencies of the legislation. The thesis draws from a wide range of sources such as books, legislation, newspaper articles and internet sources.