

A principles of activities of the Roman officials

The main objective of this thesis is to explain the principles which had formed since from the beginning of the city of Rome. Later, in the republic era, these principles had a great influence on the Roman officials and their activities. These principles also helped to form a large part of the Roman constitutional legal system. This thesis describes the period of Roman kingdom and republic and principally deals with the way how the principles affected not only on the officials, but also on the Roman state and law.

The first chapter focuses on the mysterious ancient culture called the Etruscans and establishment of the city of Rome. The Etruscans were very advanced culture. They stood on the beginning of the Roman civilization and they inflicted its future progress in many areas of living, especially in the state administration.

The second chapter devotes to the development of the Roman state administration in the early republic. In this chapter we can find a description and characterization of the Roman offices and the assistants of the officials.

The third and final chapter describes the main limits, which affects all activities of the Roman republican officials. The officials were bound with many rules. Some of them had a form of the law published by the assembly of Roman people. However, most of these rules and limitations appeared in unwritten form in the Roman customary law. The activities of the Roman republican officials were affected not only by many moral and religious limits, but also by the several main principles. In this category belonged principle of eligibility, collegiality, annuity, honesty and responsibility. All these principles are described in detail in this chapter. The last limit, which is described – *ius provocationis*, was a very important right of Roman citizens. This legal institute allowed the Roman citizens to appeal against the punishment of the officials to people's assembly. In this part is defined this right, his origin and evolution.

The main goal of this thesis is to accomplish a compact and understandable study about the principles, which controlled the activities of the Roman officials in the republican era and provided an efficient guarantee that prevented from abusing of their large authorities.