

## **Abstract**

The bachelor thesis examines early local elections in the Ústí nad Labem region. The thesis aims to quantify the phenomenon of early local elections and to determine their circumstances and impacts. Their occurrence is examined in the last completed electoral period, i.e. between 2018 and 2022. The thesis uses mainly data from the Czech Statistical Office, personal interviews and documents of individual municipalities, which are mainly minutes of municipal council meetings. Using these data, the situation since the 2018 regular elections is described. Within the regular elections, the election results are interpreted and the situation in each municipality is described. Subsequently, the causes of the elections, the reasons for the resignation of councillors, the results of the extraordinary elections and, last but not least, the consequences that are related to the holding of early local elections in the individual municipalities of the Ústí nad Labem Region are mapped. This is directly related to the deduction of the possibility of preventing their holding through substitutes and the identification of changes in the municipal council and changes in the position of the mayor of the municipality. The work does not avoid the current electoral period, mostly because of the consequences, and in some parts it was necessary to jump to the past as well, because some causes have a much longer duration.