

Abstract

The submitted dissertation includes the issue of repeated holding of new elections to municipal councils leading to the blocking of a municipality. Although the topic is not new, it has so far been given minimal space in the examination of Czech municipal politics. The dissertation can thus be understood as the first comprehensive study devoted to the given issue. In its theoretical part, the thesis contains a large amount of data revealing the extent of the problem and its legislative background. Part of the theoretical and contextual anchoring is also an extensive European comparison of the legislation affecting the holding of elections after the decrease in the number of council members. The empirical part is then focused on the specific reasons for the repeated holding of new elections in selected municipalities of the research sample, along with their subsequent categorization and the creation of a typology of blocked municipalities, including a thorough description of individual types of municipalities with examples. The dissertation presents a possible legislative solution to the whole situation and critically evaluates the recommendations of the Ministry of the Interior applied.