

The bachelor thesis “The Reform of the Electoral System of the Czech Republic 1998-2000“ deals with the topic of electoral system change enacted in the framework of the ODS-ČSSD so-called “opposition agreement”. The thesis focuses mainly on the aspect of electoral mechanism and the way how partial changes of this mechanism can influence overall outputs of the system.

The first part of the thesis offers a basic characterization of proportional systems and explanation of important proportional system variables affecting final electoral outcomes. The second part concentrates on particular aspects of the electoral reform accepted within the opposition agreement. It describes circumstances leading to the decision of both ODS and ČSSD to change the electoral system. Also, it analyses the shape of the former electoral system and its changes which were subsequently performed.

The last part centres on the constitutionality of the electoral reform and clarifies why the Constitutional Court ultimately declared it unconstitutional.