

25. ELECTIONS

On 2 and 3 October 2020, based on the Decision of the President of the Czech Republic from 9 April 2020 (No 169/2020 Sb) **elections to regional councils** were held. Execution of the elections was governed by the Act No 130/2020 Sb, as amended. Elections took place in all Regions of the Czech Republic except for the hl. m. Praha Region (the Capital City of Prague), where councillors are elected pursuant to the Act on Local Council Elections. The number of seats in the regional council was determined for these elections based on the population size of the Region as at 1 January 2020.

Along with the elections to regional councils, pursuant to the same Decision of the President of the Czech Republic and on the same days, the first round of **the elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR** took place. Execution of the elections was governed by the Act No 247/1995 Sb, as amended. A week later, on 9 and 10 October 2020, also the second round of the elections took place under the same Act; it was on the places where a senator was not elected in the first round. Elections took place in all of the 27 electoral districts, in which the electoral term just finished.

Complete results of voting in the elections to regional councils and to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic are available at www.volby.cz/index_en.htm and in publications issued according to the Catalogue of Products of the CZSO.

Registered voters – the number of persons registered in the electoral rolls (lists of persons who meet statutory conditions for execution of their active right to vote). The **number of issued official envelopes** is equal to the number of voters who came to vote and were given an official envelope in the polling station to put their ballot paper in. The **number of returned official envelopes** is the number of official envelopes cast by the voting voters to ballot boxes. A **turnout** is calculated as the share of the number of voting voters (persons who were issued an official envelope in a polling station) in registered voters (persons included in electoral rolls). The **number of candidates** is the number of candidates that can be voted for (except for the removed, those who have withdrawn, or those, who were deprived of their right to be elected). Names of election parties, which are too long, may be shortened in the tables. Data on the percentage of valid votes are not rounded off and are provided to two decimal places.