

25. ELECTIONS

Besides terms for regular local council elections announced nationwide for all municipalities of the Czech Republic, in the meantime between terms for regular elections there are further **local council elections** taking place that are announced by the Minister of the Interior due to various reasons as follows:

- **additional elections** are announced when the number of candidates on registered lists of candidates for currently announced elections does not reach the number required by law;
- **repeated elections** take place when a court finds motion for nullity of elections to be justified;
- **repeated voting** is announced when a court finds motion for nullity of voting to be justified or when a ward election commission fails to submit a record on the process and results of voting;
- **new elections** take place when a new municipality (or a city part or city district) starts to exist, a current council is dissolved or when the number of councillors falls below the limit stipulated by law.

After the year 2000, **regular nationwide local council elections** were announced **in the years 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2014**. Between those terms of regular elections, other terms for taking place of new, additional, and repeated elections or for repeated voting were announced. New elections do not take place during the last six months of the function period of local councils. Carrying out of all local council elections has been governing since 2002 by the **Act No. 491/2001 Sb., on Local Council Elections**, as amended.

Total voting results of elections in English are available at the following website: http://volby.cz/index_en.htm.

Registered voters are voters in the electoral rolls (lists of persons who meet statutory conditions for execution of their active right to vote). **Turnout** is calculated as the share of the number of voting voters (persons who were issued an official envelope in the polling station) in registered voters (persons included in the electoral rolls). The number of seats means the number of representatives to be elected for the relevant council type; **elected councillors** are those who won a seat in the elections.