

25. ELECTIONS

On 28 and 29 May 2010 there was the regular **election to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic** held, as proclaimed by the President of the Czech Republic in his Decision No. 37/2010 Sb. of 5 February 2010. The whole process of the election down to the declaration of mandates is determined in the Act No. 247/1995 Sb. on the Election to the Parliament of the Czech Republic and Amending Certain Other Acts, as amended. Votes cast abroad were added to the results in Jihočeský Region for the election, on the basis of the State Electoral Committee draw. There were 200 deputies elected for the term of office of four years according to the Constitution of the Czech Republic.

On 15 and 16 October 2010 the **election to local councils**, city parts and city districts, and into the Assembly of the Capital City of Prague and to assemblies of Prague's City Districts were held on the basis of the Decision of the President of the Czech Republic of 18 June 2010 (No. 207/2010 Sb.). The right to vote and the method of its application, issues of the election preparations, its implementation, and ascertaining results of the ballot are determined by the Act No. 491/2001 Sb. on Local Elections and Amending Certain Other Acts.

Simultaneously with the election to local councils there was the first round of the election to **the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic** held on the same days and according to the same Decision of the President of the Czech Republic. The Act No. 247/1995 Sb. as amended determined the election implementation. The second round of this election was held on 22 and 23 October 2010 and only two candidates were running for who acquired most of the valid votes in the first round. Then that candidate was elected a senator who obtained more valid votes.

The **complete results of the poll** to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, to local councils, and to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic are available, in detailed territorial views, at the Internet address www.volby.cz.

Registered voters represent the number of persons registered in the electoral rolls (persons who had met statutory conditions to exercise the right to vote). **Official envelopes issued** shall be equal to the number of voters, who arrived to vote and received the voting envelope in the polling station for casting their votes. The **returned official envelopes** mean the number of official envelopes, which were cast into the ballot box by the voting voters. The **turnout** is calculated as the fraction of the number of voting voters (persons, who received the official envelope) and the number of registered voters (persons registered in electoral rolls). The **number of candidates** means the number of eligible candidates (excluding those who resigned or were dismissed); the **number of mandates** means the number of elected councillors for the given type of the council elected.

In the election to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic the shares of votes of respective political parties in the total are not rounded, yet, in accord with legislation on the election, are given to two decimal places without being rounded.