

25. ELECTIONS

On 7 and 8 October 2016, based on the Decision of the President of the CR from 21 April 2016 (No 138/2016 Sb), **elections to regional councils** were held. Execution of the elections was governed by the Act No 130/2000 Sb, on Regional Council Elections, as amended. The elections took place in all regions of the Czech Republic except for the Capital City of Prague (the Hl. m. Praha Region), where councillors are elected pursuant to the Act on elections to municipal councils. The number of seats in a regional council was determined for these elections based on the population size of a region as at 1 January 2016.

Taking place concurrently with elections to regional councils (pursuant to the same Decision of the President of the CR and on the same days) was also the first round of the **elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR**. Execution of the elections was governed by the Act No 247/1995 Sb, on Election to the Parliament of the Czech Republic, as amended. Pursuant to the same Act, also the second round of the elections was carried out a week later on 14 and 15 October 2016 in those districts where the senator had not been elected in the first round. The elections took place in all the 27 electoral districts, in which the electoral term had just finished.

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

Registered voters are voters in the electoral rolls (lists of persons who meet statutory conditions for execution of their active right to vote). **Number of issued official envelopes** is equal to the number of voting voters who came to vote and were given an official envelope in the polling station to put their ballot paper in. The **number of issued official envelopes** is the number of official envelopes cast by the voters to ballot boxes. **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**number of candidates** is the number of candidates that can be voted for (except for the removed and those who have withdrawn). 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. Data on the percentage of valid votes are not rounded off and are provided to two decimal places.