

25. ELECTIONS

The election of the President of the Czech Republic (historically the second one) was announced by the Decision of the Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic No 275/2017 Sb of 23 August 2017 to be held on 12 and 13 January 2018. The execution of the election was governed by the Constitution of the Czech Republic and by the Act No 275/2012 Sb, on the Election of the President of the Czech Republic and on amendments to certain acts. Fourteen days later, on 26 and 27 January, the second round of the election took place. The entire territory of the Czech Republic constituted the only electoral district. In the first round, none of the candidates won an absolute majority of votes from the total number of valid votes. Therefore, two candidates advanced to the second round (those who won the highest numbers of valid votes in the first round). A candidate who won the higher number of valid votes in the second round was elected President of the Czech Republic.

On 5 and 6 October 2018, based on the Decision of the President of the Czech Republic of 31 May 2018 (No 85/2018 Sb), elections to local councils, city districts, and city sections and to the Prague City Assembly and councils of Prague city sections took place. Execution of the elections was governed by the Act No 491/2001 Sb, on Local Council Elections, as amended.

Taking place concurrently with elections to local councils (pursuant to the same Decision of the President of the Czech Republic and on the same days) were also the elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, namely in 27 electoral districts, in which the electoral term of a relevant senator ended. Execution of the elections was governed by the Act No 247/1995 Sb, on Elections to the Parliament of the Czech Republic and on amendments to some other acts, as amended. Pursuant to the same Act, the second round of the elections was carried out a week later on 12 and 13 October 2018 in those districts where the senator had not been elected in the first round.

Complete results of voting in the election of the President of the CR, results of elections to the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, and elections to local councils 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 and those who have withdrawn). The number of mandates is the number of representatives that are elected for the relevant council type. Data on the percentage of valid votes are not rounded off and are provided to two decimal places.