

# Czech Parliament

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There are two chambers in Czech parliament

- the House of Parliament
- the Senate

Every citizen who is at least 18 years old is entitled to vote for candidates to the House of Parliament and the Senate.

- The House is traditionally filled with 200 members. They are elected **once 4 years**
- Proportional representation is basis principle for election
- Minimum age required to be elected is 21. You must be a Czech citizen
- Members are elected as representatives of individual political parties

## Responsibilities of HoR are common

- Discusses and approves laws
- A member or group of members is entitled to draft bills
- Decides on the appearance of the state budget
- Is entitled to declare lack of confidence in the Government
- Elects the President of the Republic during a joint meeting with senators

Members are also divided into 18 Committees of the House of Parliament. Scope of their responsibility varies and can be the following

- Budget
- Agricultural
- Foreign relations

The committees should perform the function of expert guarantor for a specific field of social and political life within the country.

Most interesting thing is rotation in Senate. This can prevent long term coalitions there.

- Elected in a cyclic way for 6 years every 2 years. So 1/3 part is rotated every 2 years
- 40 years is minimum age for a citizen to be a member

- Discusses and approves drafts of bills, which it receives from the House of Parliament, and proposes as well
- Expresses its (dis)agreement with international treaties
- Elects the President of the Republic at a joint meeting of both chambers
- Only the Senate may file an action with the Constitutional Court against the President of the Republic for treason
- The Senate is not authorised to make any decisions regarding the Czech Republic budget

The President of the Republic is the head of state and the supreme commander of the armed forces.

- Elected by all Czech citizens above the age of 18
- A person can be elected to the office no more than twice
- A President is elected once every five years



## Resources Used

- Czech Republic Political System –  
<http://www.czech.cz/en/88070-czech-republic-political-system>
- Github Repo – <https://github.com/ferrine/parliament>
- Data Resources –  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech\\_legislative\\_election,\\_2017](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_legislative_election,_2017)