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COULD NEGATIVE VOTE IN ELECTORAL SYSTEM WITH TWO MANDATES IMPROVE QUALITY OF CANDIDATES?

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Abstract

This study examines Karel Janeček's proposal for a radical reform of the electoral system for the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and identifies conditions which could lead to an improvement of the quality of elected politicians. Karel Janeček's proposal belongs to a category of majority systems with very small districts and individual voting systems, where the voters have relatively extensive possibilities to place their votes at their disposal. Specifically, two deputies are elected in each district and each voter has two positive and one negative vote. The crucial questions are firstly whether the voters are actually going to vote for the high quality candidates and against the low quality candidates, and secondly what conditions are most likely to make them do so. The answer to this question is very complex and incorporates many limitations. Therefore, we recommend reading the complete study.

Download the complete study (in Czech only).

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