

Appendix A

Electoral cycle regimes and election dates

In this appendix we describe how we determined the electoral cycle regimes for the countries and regions included in our analysis. In addition, we detail our sources on how we found election dates for the different types of elections held in the countries and regions.

European, national (lower chamber), presidential, regional elections, and referenda

Dandoy, Régis and Schakel, Arjan H. (eds) (2013) *Regional and national elections in Western Europe. Territoriality of the vote in thirteen countries*. Houndsmills: Palgrave Macmillan.

Hooghe, Liesbet, Marks, Gary, and Schakel, Arjan H. (2010) *The rise of regional authority. A comparative study of 42 democracies*. London: Routledge.

Norwegian Social Science Data Services (NSD) *European Election Database*. Available at: http://www.nsd.uib.no/european_election_database/about/

Australia	Australian Electoral Commission: http://www.aec.gov.au/
Austria	Bundesministerium für Inneres: http://www.bmi.gv.at
Belgium	Federale Overheidsdienst Binnenlandse Zaken: http://www.ibzdgip.fgov.be
Canada	Elections Canada: http://www.elections.ca
Denmark	Danmarks Statistik: http://www.dst.dk
Finland	Tilastokeskus: http://www.stat.fi/index.html
France	Ministère de l'Intérieur: http://www.interieur.gouv.fr/Elections/Les-resultats
Germany	Der Bundeswahlleiter: http://www.bundeswahlleiter.de/
Greece	Hellenic Republic Ministry of Interior: http://www.ypes.gr/en/Elections/
Italy	Ministero dell'Interno: http://elezionistorico.interno.it/
Japan	Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications: http://www.stat.go.jp/
Netherlands	Kiesraad: http://www.verkiezingsuitslagen.nl/
Norway	Statistisk sentralbyrå: http://www.ssb.no/
Portugal	Comissão Nacional de Eleições: http://www.cne.pt/
Spain	Ministerio del Interior: http://www.infoelectoral.mir.es/
Sweden	Valmyndigheten: http://www.val.se/
Switzerland	Schweizerische Bundeskanzlei: http://www.bk.admin.ch/
United Kingdom	The Electoral Commission: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/

For Switzerland we were not able to find the exact dates for all types of referenda in all of the cantons. Given the frequent use of the referenda instrument at the federal, cantonal and municipal level we estimate that there has been a referenda held within one year before and after each cantonal election. The results are robust when we exclude referenda.

Local and sub-regional election dates

Apart from local (municipal) elections there are provincial elections in Belgium, Italy, and Spain and elections for the *department* in France and *Kreise* or *Bezirke* in Germany. Below we detail our sources (literature, legislation, and websites) with regard to local and other sub-regional election dates. It appeared to be difficult to find local election dates for those regions which have the authority to set a local date of their own choosing (often the case in federal and regionalized countries). However, we were able to determine the length of the local election cycle and the kind of local election regime, that is, whether local government choose their own election dates or whether local elections are held horizontally simultaneous within the region. In addition, we were able to find dates for the more recent elections which allowed us to estimate the dates for earlier local elections based on election cycles determined in legislation (e.g. every fourth year on the fourth Monday in October) or via elections dates for particular municipalities. To increase validity of this indicator we prefer to use a dummy variable for a voter fatigue and referendum voting effect rather than the exact number of days between local and regional elections. We ran our models which excluded the imputed local election dates and the results remain robust.

Australia

Australian Capital Territory

Australia Local Government Association

<http://www.alga.asn.au/about/>

New South Wales

New South Wales Local Government Act 1993 No. 30 art. 287

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/lga1993182/s287.html

<http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/documents/information/2004%20Election%20Survey%20Report%20-%20Candidates%20and%20Councillors.pdf>

<http://www.pastvtr.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE2008/>

New South Wales Electoral Commission

http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/about_elections/nsw_electoral_history/Changes_made_to_Local_Government_Elections

City of Sidney

http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/aboutsydney/documents/history/hs_chos_electoral_history.pdf

Northern Territory

Northern Territory Local Government Act art. 38

Northern Territory Electoral Commission

<http://notes.nt.gov.au/nteo/Electorl.nsf?OpenDatabase>

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

http://www.lgant.asn.au/events?event_id=77

Queensland

Queensland Local Government Act 1993

Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 1994

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/ACTS/1994/94AC001.pdf>

Electoral Commission Queensland

<http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections.aspx?id=39>

Local Government Association of Queensland

<http://www.lgaq.asn.au/web/guest/lg-elections1>

http://www.lgaq.asn.au/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=d38b049e48dace7f78d6bc056e4f52b3&groupId=10136

South Australia

Australasian Legal Information Institute

http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/sa/consol_act/lga1999275/s5.html

Local Government Association of South Australia

<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=2147>

http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Results_Summary_2006.pdf

Tasmania

Tasmania Local Government Act 1993 art. 44 and 46

Local Government Election Reports

<http://tec.tas.gov.au/pages/LocalGovernmentMain.html>

Victoria

Victoria Local Government Act 1989 art. 31

Victorian Electoral Commission

<http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/Results/results-munitimeline.html>

Western Australia

Victoria Local Government Act 1995 art. 4.7

Western Australian Electoral Commission

http://www.waec.wa.gov.au/elections/local_government/election_centre/previous_elections.php

Austria

Burgenland

E-government Burgenland

<http://wahlen.bglld.gv.at/default.aspx?gemeinderatORF.at>

<http://bglv1.orf.at/stories/173169>

Gemeindewahlordnung 1992 art. 3

<http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=LrBglld&Gesetzesnummer=10000304>

OVP hornstein website

http://www.oevp-burgenland.at/hornstein/index.php?akt=dyn&dyn_id=114

Karnten

Karntner Allgemeine Gemeindeordnung art. 19

<http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/LrK/LKT12004975/LKT12004975.html>

Website Eberndorf

<http://www.eberndorf.at/system/web/wahl.aspx?bezirkonr=0&page=0&datum=25.10.2011&menuonr=218760704>

Niederosterreich

Niederosterreich Gemeindeordnung 1973

http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/LrNo/LRNI_2011066/LRNI_2011066.html

Niederosterreich government website

<http://www.noe.gv.at/Politik-Verwaltung/Wahlen/NOe-Gemeinderatswahlen.html>

Oberosterreich

Oberosterreich Kommunalwahlordnung art. 1

<http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Ergebnis.wxe?Abfrage=LrOO&Kundmachungsorgan=&Index=&Titel=&Gesetzesnummer=10000481&VonArtikel=&BisArtikel=&VonParagraf=&BisParagraf=&VonAnlage=&BisAnlage=&Typ=&Kundmachungsnummer=&Unterzeichnungsdatum=&FassungVom=13.05.2008&NormabschnittnummerKombination=Und&ImRisSeit=Undefined&ResultPageSize=100&Suchworte=&WxeFunctionToken=17b6d7bf-b93c-460e-b954-3344df2d51e5>

Website Land Oberosterreich

http://www2.land-oberoesterreich.gv.at/statwahlen/StartWahlen_OOE.jsp?SessionID=SID-A8369C7B-DFCB4C77&xmclid=was_statwahlen_DEU_HTML.htm

Salzburg

Website land Salzburg

<http://www.salzburg.gv.at/20003stat/wahlen/gvw/index.htm>

Steiermark

Steiermarkische Gemeindeordnung 1967 art. 17

http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/LrStmk/LRST_1000_002/LRST_1000_002.html

Website Marktgemeinde Neumarkt

http://www.marktgemeinde-neumarkt.at/upload/download/Gemeinderat/Grafik_Gemeinderatswahlen_1955-2010.pdf

Land Steiermark website

<https://sterz.stmk.gv.at/wah/pub/wahlgrunddaten/start.do>

<http://www.verwaltung.steiermark.at/cms/beitrag/11234895/50647382/>

Tirol

Gemeindewahlordnung 1994 art. 3

<http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokument.wxe?Abfrage=LrT&Dokumentnummer=LTI40023709&ResultFunctionToken=567e947a-a772-4631-bcf5-9df5344e6fa1&Position=1&Kundmachungsorgan=&Index=&Titel=&Gesetzesnummer=&VonArtikel=&BisArtikel=&VonParagraf=&BisParagraf=&VonAnlage=&BisAnlage=&Typ=&Kundmachungsnummer=&Unterzeichnungsdatum=&FassungVom=16.10.2011&NormabschnittnummerKombination=Und&ImRisSeit=Undefined&ResultPageSize=100&Suchworte=Gemeindewahlordnung>

Land Tirol website

<http://wahlen.tirol.gv.at/WahlenTirolGvAtWeb/wahlenInit.do?cmd=list&cid=1&setNavigationItem=mainWahlen%25231>

Vorarlberg

Gesetz über die Organisation der Gemeindeverwaltung art. 35

http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/LrVbg/LRVB_0500_000_20080521_99999999/LRVB_0500_000_20080521_99999999.html

Gesetz über das Verfahren bei Wahlen in die Gemeindevertretung und des Bürgermeisters art. 10

http://www.ris.bka.gv.at/Dokumente/LrVbg/LRVB_0601_000_20110511_99999999/LRVB_0601_000_20110511_99999999.html

Land Vorarlberg website

<http://www.vorarlberg.at/wahlen/gv.asp?wahlid=32>

Website Gemeinde Langen

<http://www.langen.at/system/web/wahl.aspx?menuonr=220432535>

Verordnung der Vorarlberger Landesregierung

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikvonbis.asp?jahr=1950&von=11&bis=20>

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikvonbis.asp?jahr=1959&von=31&bis=38>

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikvonbis.asp?jahr=1965&von=1&bis=10>

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikvonbis.asp?jahr=1970&von=1&bis=10>

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikvonbis.asp?jahr=1975&von=1&bis=10>

http://voris.vorarlberg.at/ChronikDownload/1980/1_1980.pdf

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikvonbis.asp?jahr=1985&von=1&bis=10>

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikjahralle.asp?jahr=1990>

<http://voris.vorarlberg.at/chronikjahralle.asp?jahr=1995>

Wien

Land Wien website

<http://www.wien.gv.at/statistik/wahlen/regional/index.html>

Belgium

Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs

<http://www.ibzdgip.fgov.be/>

Canada

General

Public Service Commission of Canada

<http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/plac-acpl/leave-conge/ann2-eng.htm>

Alberta

Local Authorities Election Act 2000 art. 10 and 11

<http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/L21.pdf>

Government Alberta Municipal Affairs

http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/mc_elections.cfm

Website City Government Edmonton

http://www.edmonton.ca/city_government/municipal_elections/election-history.aspx

British Columbia

Government of British Columbia. Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development

http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/Elections/

Local Government Act (RSBS 1996 Chapter 323) Part 3 and 4

<http://www.municipalelections.com/index.html>

Vancouver City Clerk's Department

http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/elections/voter_turnout.htm

<http://vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/elections/elections.htm>

Manitoba

Manitoba Government Local Government

http://web5.gov.mb.ca/mfas/mfas_elections.aspx

City of Winnipeg

http://www.winnipeg.ca/clerks/docs/election_services/E71-95council_results.stm

Association of Manitoba Municipalities

http://www.amm.mb.ca/election_2010.html

New Brunswick

Elections New Brunswick

<http://www.gnb.ca/elections/publications-e.asp#3>

Newfoundland and Labrador

Statutes of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2001 art. 5

<http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/m20-2.htm>

City of St. Johns

<http://www.stjohns.ca/cityhall/elections/index.jsp>

Northwest Territories

Local Authorities Elections Act, 1988, art. 10

City of Yellowknife

<http://www.yellowknife.ca/Page2613.aspx>

Nova Scotia

Municipal Election Act art. 10

<http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/muncpel.htm>

City of Halifax

<http://www.halifax.ca/election/ElectionArchives/index.html>

Nunavut

Local Authorities Elections Act, RSNWT (Nu) 1988, c L-10, art. 10

<http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/rsnwt-nu-1988-c-l-10/latest/rsnwt-nu-1988-c-l-10.html>

Nunatsiaqonline

http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/archives/nunavut991230/nvt91217_03.html

http://www.nunatsiaqonline.ca/archives/31017/news/igaluit/31017_02.html

CBC News

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/story/2006/12/12/nunavut-elxn-results.html>

Ontario

Municipal Election Act 1996, art. 4

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_96m32_e.htm#BK4

Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page219.aspx>

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

<http://www.yourlocalgovernment.com/ylg/whatnew.html>

<http://www.amo.on.ca/YLG/ylg/elections.html>

Prince Edward Islands

Municipal Act of Prince Edward Islands 1983, art. 15 and 48

Elections Prince Edward Island

<http://www.electionspei.ca/municipal/historical/ceoreports/index.php>

Government of Prince Edward Island Municipal Affairs and Provincial Planning

http://www.gov.pe.ca/photos/original/dccal_MunElectn.pdf

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/mapp/index.php?number=1040437&lang=E>

Quebec

Affaires municipales, Regions et Occupation du territoire

<http://www.mamrot.gouv.qc.ca/organisation-municipale/democratie-municipale/archives-des-resultats-des-elections-municipales/>

City of Gatineau

http://www.gatineau.ca/docs/histoire_cartes_statistiques/archives/docs/Hull_elections_his.pdf

City of Montreal

http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/archives/democratie/democratie_fr/media/documents/expo/resultats_electoraux_1833_2005.pdf

Saskatchewan

Public Service Commission of Canada

<http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/plac-acpl/leave-conge/ann2-eng.htm>

City of Saskatoon

<http://www.saskatoon.ca/CITY%20COUNCIL/Elections/Pages/PastElections.aspx>

City of Prince Albert

<http://www.citypa.ca/Elections/ElectionResults/tabid/637/Default.aspx>

Yukon

Yukon Municipal Act art. 52

Denmark

Amter

Statistical yearbooks various years

<http://www.dst.dk/publikation.aspx?cid=12429&all=true&sort=1>

Gronland

Statistical yearbooks various years

<http://www.dst.dk/publikation.aspx?cid=12429&all=true&sort=1>

Faroe Islands

Faroe Islands Local Election Law

<http://www.torshavn.fo/Default.aspx?pageid=1098>

Torshavn Municipality

<http://www.torshavn.fo/get.file?ID=643>

Finland

Aland

Alands statistik och utredningsbyra

<http://pxweb.asub.ax/Dialog/varval.asp?ma=VA003sv&ti=Valdeltagande+i+kommunal-%2C+lagtings-%2C+riksdags-%2C+president-+och+EU-val&path=../Database/Statistik/Val/&lang=2>

France

Election-politique

<http://www.election-politique.com/Pays.php?page=Pays.php&cle=FR>

Germany

General

Wahlrecht.de

<http://www.wahlrecht.de/kommunal/>
<http://www.wahlrecht.de/links.htm#wl>
<http://www.wahlrecht.de/gesetze.htm>

Baden-Wuerttemberg

Landeszentrale fur politische Bildung Baden-Wuerttemberg

<http://www.kommunalwahl-bw.de/start.html>

Statistisches Landesamt Baden-Wuerttemberg

http://www.statistik.baden-wuerttemberg.de/Wahlen/Landesdaten/Kommunalwahlen/LR_GrW.asp?1975-1989
http://www.statistik.baden-wuerttemberg.de/Wahlen/Landesdaten/Kommunalwahlen/LR_KtW.asp?1989-2009

Kommunal-wahl-bw.de

http://www.kommunalwahl-bw.de/kommunalwahl_bw_ergebnisse.html

Gemeinde Karlsruhe

http://www1.karlsruhe.de/Stadtentwicklung/siska/wahlen/wahlen_gemeinderat.htm

Gemeinde Heidelberg

http://www.heidelberg.de/servlet/PB/show/1184549/12_pdf_WahlergebnisseHDseit1946.pdf

Landkreistag Baden-Württemberg

http://www.landkreistag-bw.de/jubel/files/LKT_Festschrift.pdf

Bayern

Bayerisches Landesamt für Statistik und Datenverarbeitung

<http://www.wahlen.bayern.de/kommunalwahlen/index.php>

<http://www.wahlen.bayern.de/bezirkswahlen/index.php>

Berlin

Die Landwahlleiterin für Berlin

<http://www.wahlen-berlin.de/home.asp>

Verfassung von Berlin (Vom 23. November 1995) art. 71

http://www.kulturbuch-verlag.de/online/bv_aktuell/D0001/F00001.pdf

Berlin Tempelhof online – Politik

http://www.virtuelleallgemeinbibliothek.de/tempelhof/TPLH_P.HTM

Berlin und Brandenburg in Karten

<http://www.geog.fu-berlin.de/bb/themen/politik/berlin/bez95.html>

Statistisches Landesamt Berlin, Ergebnisse der Wahl zum Abgeordnetenhaus von Berlin 1985 in der Wahlkreisabgrenzung von 1989

http://books.google.nl/books/about/Ergebnisse_der_Wahl_zum_Abgeordnetenhaus.html?id=aemVAQAIAAJ&redir_esc=y

ZA1268: Krisenfaktoren im sozio-politischen System West-Berlins (Amtsblattdaten 1979-1981)

<http://info1.gesis.org/dbksearch18/SDesc2.asp?no=1268&ll=10&af=&nf=1&db=d&search=&search2=¬abs=1>

Die Berliner Wahlen zum Abgeordnetenhaus und zu den Bezirksverordnetenversammlungen vom 2. März 1975: Proteststimmen in der Krise? (Horst W. Schmollinger)

<http://www.zparl.de/index.php?page=inhaltsverzeichnis-4-1975>

Beiträge zur Politischen Wissenschaft Band 58 Verfassunggebung in Berlin 1945-1950

http://books.google.nl/books?id=jTo_p7WvY-

http://books.google.nl/books?id=jTo_p7WvY-QC&pg=PA436&lpg=PA436&dq=Bezirksverordnetenversammlung+wahl+1948&source=bl&ots=vSdbwwhcNP&sig=svjaD2AG1ggAqOJtNkQX3BC48Hg&hl=nl&sa=X&ei=kvr6TqnmLsWgOvy-nL8B&ved=0CCsQ6AEwADgK#v=onepage&q=Bezirksverordnetenversammlung%20wahl%201948&f=false

Brandenburg

Bundeshwahlleiter Land Brandenburg

<http://www.wahlen.brandenburg.de/sixcms/detail.php/250631#3%29>

Bremen

Statistisches Landesamt Bremen

http://www.statistik.bremen.de/sixcms/media.php/13/JB09_2.12%20Sitze%20Stb%FC_54.pdf

Wahlrecht.de

<http://www.wahlrecht.de/kommunal/bremen.htm>

Hamburg

Statistisches Amt für Hamburg und Schleswig-Holstein

<http://www.statistik-nord.de/wahlen/wahlen-in-hamburg/bezirksversammlungswahlen/>
http://www.statistik-nord.de/fileadmin/wahldb/index.php?site=votedb_tables

Hessen

Hessisches Statistisches Landesamt

<http://web.statistik-hessen.de/themenauswahl/wahlen/daten/kw01/ergebnisse-1946-2006/index.html>

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Die Landeswahlleiterin

http://www.statistik-mv.de/cms2/STAM_prod/STAM/de/start/Landeswahlleiter/Landeswahlleiter/kommunalwahlen/index.jsp

Niedersachsen

Landesbetrieb für Statistik und Kommunikationstechnologie Niedersachsen (LSKN)

<http://www.nls.niedersachsen.de/Tabellen/Wahlen/Kwab1946.html>
<http://www.nls.niedersachsen.de/Tabellen/Wahlen/Gwab1946.html>
http://www.nls.niedersachsen.de/KW2011/Kommunalwahl_2011.html

Nordrhein-Westfalen

Die Landeswahlleiterin des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen

<http://www.wahlergebnisse.nrw.de/kommunalwahlen/ab1946/index.html>

Rheinland-Pfalz

Rheinland-Pfalz Landeswahlleiter

<http://www.wahlen.rlp.de/kw/wahlen/statistik/index.html>
http://www.wahlen.rlp.de/kw/aktion/SU_Auswertung_des_Waehlerverhaltens.pdf

Saarland

Saarland.de

http://www.saarland.de/dokumente/thema_wahlen/KW5609_Land.pdf
http://www.saarland.de/dokumente/thema_wahlen/GW4609_Land.pdf
<http://www.saarland.de/13066.htm>

Sachsen

Statistik Sachsen.de

http://www.statistik.sachsen.de/wahlen/allg/Seite_2.htm

Sachsen-Anhalt

Landeswahlleiter Sachsen-Anhalt

<http://www.stala.sachsen-anhalt.de/gk/fms/fms213.htm>

Kommunalwahlen - Wahlen 1994: gewählte Landräte, gewählte Bürgermeister, Sachsen-Anhalt, Statistisches Landesamt Sachsen-Anhalt, 1994

http://books.google.nl/books/about/Kommunalwahlen_am_12_Juni_1994_Wahlen_19.html?id=cr7VZwEACAAJ&redir_esc=y

Schleswig-Holstein

Statistisches Amt für Hamburg und Schleswig-Holstein

http://www.statistik-nord.de/uploads/tx_standdocuments/Wahlen-SH_seit_1947-Stimmen_absolut_01.pdf

<http://imperia->

[asp.cybay.de/imperia/md/content/asp/flensburg/politik_verwaltung/wahlen/gemeindewahlergebnisse_seit_1946.pdf](http://imperia-asp.cybay.de/imperia/md/content/asp/flensburg/politik_verwaltung/wahlen/gemeindewahlergebnisse_seit_1946.pdf)

Lubeck

http://www.luebeck.de/stadt_politik/statistiken/files/PDF/1209.pdf

Wahlen in Schleswig-Holstein

http://www.schleswig-holstein.de/LWL/DE/Kommunalwahl/Kommunalwahl_node.html

Thuringen

Thüringer Landesamt für Statistik

http://www.wahlen.thueringen.de/wahlseite.asp?aktiv=KW01&startbei=kommunalwahlen/KW_wahlergebnisse.asp

Greece

Council of Europe (2001) Structure and Operation of Local and Regional Democracy. Greece. Situation in 2000. Strasbourg: Council of Europe Publishing.

Skrinis, Stavros (2013) 'Five typical second-order elections despite significant electoral reform' in Dandoy, Régis and Schakel, Arjan H. (eds) *Regional and national elections in Western Europe. Territorial heterogeneity of the vote in thirteen countries*. Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.126-142.

Italy

As of the 1990s many municipalities and some provinces have their own election date. When at least one third of the voting population is allowed to vote the local election date is incorporated in the dataset.

Ministry of Internal Affairs (Ministero dell'Interno)

<http://elezionistorico.interno.it/index.php?tp=R>

Istituto Cattaneo

<http://www.cattaneo.org/index.asp?l1=archivi&l2=adele>

Electoral calendar - international elections world elections

<http://www.angelfire.com/ma/maxcrc/elections.html>

Friuli-Venezia Giulia

Regione autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia

<http://autonomielocali.regione.fvg.it/aall/opencms/AALL/Elezioni/risultati/>

Sardegna

Regione autonoma della Sardegna

http://www.regione.sardegna.it/argomenti/attivita_istituzionali/elezioni.html

Sicily

Assessorato Regionale della Famiglia, delle Politiche Sociali e delle Autonomie Locali Servizio Elettorale

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Appendix B
Descriptive statistics

	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
Regional turnout	72.21	14.27	29.50	97.60
Turnout gap	5.07	8.92	-33.99	38.89
Simultaneity N, R, L	0.09	0.29	0	1
Simultaneity N, R	0.02	0.13	0	1
Simultaneity R, L	0.39	0.49	0	1
Simultaneity R	0.10	0.30	0	1
Simultaneity L	0.05	0.21	0	1
Simultaneity O	0.10	0.30	0	1
Closeness N	0.19	0.39	0	1
Closeness L	0.10	0.30	0	1
Closeness O	0.13	0.34	0	1
Proximity N	0.22	0.42	0	1
Proximity L	0.10	0.30	0	1
Proximity O	0.16	0.37	0	1
Compulsory voting	0.22	0.41	0	1
Regional authority	13.10	5.11	0.00	21.00
Language	0.13	0.34	0	1
History	0.18	0.39	0	1
Mixed electoral system	0.16	0.37	0	1
Majoritarian electoral system	0.11	0.32	0	1
Electoral size	13.08	1.40	9.29	17.47
Competitiveness	16.63	12.80	0.00	76.68

Notes: number of observations is 2915 (listwise deletion).

Appendix C
Robustness of the results with respect to time

Tables C1 (turnout) and C2 (turnout gap) present alternative specification of the models presented in table 5 to control for time varying effects by including the number of regional election, the year of the regional election, and by splitting the dataset into regional elections held before and after 1985 (this year is chosen it splits the dataset roughly in half).

Table C1: Turnout models

	Original	Number	Year	Before 1985	After 1985
Number regional election	—	-1.14** (0.07)	—	—	—
Regional election year	—	—	-0.33** (0.02)	—	—
Simultaneity N, R, L	20.92** (1.83)	21.09** (1.74)	22.36** (1.70)	18.30 (12.30)	21.00** (2.00)
Simultaneity N, R	6.71** (1.18)	5.32** (1.14)	5.68** (1.12)	3.01* (1.45)	8.68** (1.93)
Simultaneity R, L	5.93** (1.34)	4.36** (1.27)	5.51** (1.23)	6.38** (2.53)	5.24** (1.50)
Simultaneity R	3.47** (1.17)	2.74** (1.12)	3.65** (1.10)	-7.04** (2.52)	4.68** (1.41)
Simultaneity L	3.07** (1.31)	2.20* (1.24)	2.90** (1.20)	1.59 (1.70)	0.93 (1.74)
Simultaneity O	-1.79** (0.63)	-1.55** (0.61)	-1.75** (0.61)	1.27 (1.89)	-1.09 (0.80)
Closeness N	-0.46** (0.23)	-0.72** (0.23)	-0.78** (0.23)	-1.18** (0.30)	0.61 (0.38)
Closeness L	-1.77** (0.44)	-1.78** (0.43)	-1.63** (0.43)	-0.97* (0.58)	-2.10** (0.64)
Closeness O	-0.59** (0.29)	-0.43 (0.29)	-0.25 (0.29)	-0.91* (0.45)	-0.36 (0.41)
Proximity N	-0.05 (0.21)	0.06 (0.21)	0.06 (0.21)	-1.30** (0.27)	0.66* (0.34)
Proximity L	-0.28 (0.50)	-0.44 (0.49)	-0.43 (0.49)	0.17 (0.57)	-1.13 (1.03)
Proximity O	1.17** (0.25)	1.07** (0.24)	1.07** (0.24)	0.22 (0.33)	1.69** (0.36)

Compulsory voting	13.01** (0.72)	11.98** (0.70)	11.66** (0.69)	16.72** (0.82)	8.71** (1.16)
Regional authority	-0.64** (0.09)	-0.29** (0.09)	-0.22** (0.09)	0.64** (0.22)	-0.79** (0.11)
Language	3.51** (1.58)	4.35** (1.36)	3.27** (1.22)	0.61 (1.87)	4.99** (1.35)
History	1.11 (1.44)	-0.54 (1.25)	0.09 (1.11)	3.35* (1.74)	0.06 (1.20)
Mixed electoral system	-5.71** (1.46)	-5.33** (1.36)	-4.22** (1.29)	-0.57 (2.57)	-5.97** (1.68)
Majoritarian electoral system	18.79* (10.74)	22.68** (9.74)	13.99* (8.30)	5.02 (12.39)	25.13** (10.66)
Electoral size	-2.81** (0.42)	-1.43** (0.38)	-1.18** (0.35)	-3.42** (0.48)	-1.43** (0.40)
Competitiveness	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02 (0.02)	0.00 (0.02)
Constant	108.42**	93.49**	748.65**	105.44**	90.02**
Rho	0.869	0.843	0.815	0.841	0.775
Log restricted likelihood	-8126	-8014	-7970	-3291	-4752
Wald Chi ²	786**	1118**	1307**	597**	391**
Variance country	101.72	84.19	60.69	134.89	100.07
% out of total	52.9%	54.1%	50.0%	72.1%	61.3%
Variance region	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.52	0.00
% out of total	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.01%	0.0%
Variance election	90.51	71.51	60.60	50.71	63.12
% out of total	47.1%	45.9%	50.0%	21.1%	38.7%
N country	17	17	17	14	17
N region	304	304	304	207	304
N election	2661	2661	2661	1142	1519

Notes: * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$ (one-tailed). Shown are the results of multilevel mixed effects linear regression models whereby elections are nested in regions and regions are nested in countries. See table two for the simultaneity, closeness and proximity variables.

Table C2: Turnout gap models

	Original	Number	Year	Before 1985	After 1985
Number regional election	—	0.48** (0.04)	—	—	—
Regional election year	—	—	0.14** (0.01)	—	—
Simultaneity N, R, L	-10.56** (1.91)	-11.82** (1.88)	-13.25** (1.87)	-3.26 (6.80)	-10.68** (2.05)
Simultaneity N, R	-3.11** (1.25)	-1.34 (1.21)	-1.16 (1.20)	-2.30* (1.26)	-2.05 (2.01)
Simultaneity R, L	1.32 (1.27)	2.02 (1.26)	0.81 (1.24)	4.96** (1.83)	0.66 (1.39)
Simultaneity R	-1.64 (1.24)	-0.54 (1.21)	-1.11 (1.19)	6.54* (3.17)	-0.43 (1.46)
Simultaneity L	-0.74 (1.25)	-0.29 (1.23)	-1.08 (1.20)	1.27 (1.60)	0.35 (1.45)
Simultaneity O	-0.50 (0.77)	-0.39 (0.76)	-0.15 (0.75)	-4.30** (1.59)	-0.26 (0.95)
Closeness N	1.40** (0.32)	1.75** (0.31)	1.81** (0.31)	2.20** (0.37)	-0.25 (0.47)
Closeness L	1.34** (0.58)	1.58** (0.57)	1.43** (0.56)	1.84** (0.73)	-0.10 (0.80)
Closeness O	0.45 (0.39)	0.21 (0.38)	-0.08 (0.38)	-0.08 (0.58)	0.36 (0.52)
Proximity N	0.03 (0.29)	-0.15 (0.29)	-0.16 (0.29)	1.93** (0.35)	-0.62 (0.43)
Proximity L	-1.52** (0.62)	-1.26* (0.60)	-1.22* (0.59)	0.93 (0.68)	1.27 (1.11)
Proximity O	-1.35** (0.33)	-1.46** (0.33)	-1.53** (0.33)	-0.38 (0.46)	-1.59** (0.44)
Compulsory voting	-9.20** (0.67)	-7.56** (0.65)	-6.95** (0.65)	-7.55** (0.66)	-6.06** (1.21)
Regional authority	-0.03 (0.10)	-0.29** (0.10)	-0.36** (0.10)	-0.77** (0.18)	-0.10 (0.12)
Language	-2.12** (0.91)	-2.26** (0.91)	-1.90* (0.88)	-2.06* (1.25)	-2.31** (0.90)

History	0.24 (0.81)	0.92 (0.81)	0.63 (0.78)	0.67 (1.11)	0.13 (0.78)
Mixed electoral system	0.88 (1.22)	1.25 (1.22)	0.73 (1.19)	-0.17 (1.69)	2.57* (1.35)
Majoritarian electoral system	2.78 (7.12)	1.17 (6.84)	4.10 (7.24)	6.62 (6.88)	0.02 (9.03)
Electoral size	2.45** (0.26)	1.61** (0.27)	1.50** (0.26)	1.83** (0.32)	2.33** (0.28)
Competitiveness	0.02 (0.01)	0.03* (0.01)	0.03* (0.01)	0.03 (0.02)	0.04** (0.02)
Constant	-123.17**	-12.63**	-292.41**	-10.59*	-20.86**
Rho	0.318	0.239	0.320	0.090	0.054
Log restricted likelihood	-8435	-8380	-8358	-3388	-4836
Wald Chi ²	505**	730**	799**	357**	184**
Variance country	44.84	41.12	46.61	40.15	72.58
% out of total	51.1%	49.9%	54.1%	58.2%	65.2%
Variance region	10.51	12.22	11.01	11.17	11.35
% out of total	12.0%	14.8%	12.8%	16.2%	10.2%
Variance election	32.49	29.01	28.52	17.62	27.32
% out of total	37.0%	35.2%	33.1%	25.6%	24.6%
N country	17	17	17	14	17
N region	304	304	304	207	304
N election	2661	2661	2661	1142	1519

Notes: * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$ (one-tailed). Shown are the results of multilevel mixed effects linear regression models whereby elections are nested in regions and regions are nested in countries. See table two for the simultaneity, closeness and proximity variables.

Appendix D
Interaction effects between the simultaneity dummies and regional authority

The models presented in this table include interaction effects between the simultaneity dummies and regional authority to explore conditional effects of the electoral cycle regimes.

	Turnout Model 7	Turnout gap Model 8
Simultaneity N, R, L	25.37** (3.16)	-13.35** (4.00)
Simultaneity N, R	11.24** (2.28)	-4.22* (2.57)
Simultaneity R, L	15.93** (2.96)	-9.98** (2.76)
Simultaneity R	3.34* (1.75)	-2.90 (1.81)
Simultaneity L	7.85** (2.49)	-6.71** (2.85)
Simultaneity O	-1.56** (0.64)	-0.01 (0.79)
Closeness N	-0.45* (0.23)	1.41** (0.32)
Closeness L	-1.65** (0.44)	1.33** (0.58)
Closeness O	-0.75** (0.30)	0.82* (0.40)
Proximity N	-0.08 (0.21)	-0.12 (0.30)
Proximity L	-0.26 (0.50)	-1.45** (0.62)
Proximity O	1.26** (0.25)	-1.48** (0.33)
Compulsory voting	13.05** (0.72)	-9.34** (0.68)
Regional authority	-0.08 (0.20)	-0.61** (0.16)
Interaction simultaneity N, R, L and regional authority	-0.23 (0.25)	-0.03 (0.34)

Interaction simultaneity N, R and regional authority	-0.34* (0.15)	0.07 (0.17)
Interaction simultaneity R, L and regional authority	-0.81** (0.22)	0.88** (0.20)
Interaction simultaneity R and regional authority	0.03 (0.10)	0.04 (0.12)
Interaction simultaneity L and regional authority	-0.27* (0.14)	0.35* (0.16)
Language	3.11** (1.58)	-1.91** (0.89)
History	0.97 (1.43)	0.18 (0.78)
Mixed electoral system	-4.59** (1.60)	1.40 (1.26)
Majoritarian electoral system	16.83 (10.41)	4.61 (7.33)
Electoral size	-2.84** (0.42)	2.50** (0.26)
Competitiveness	-0.01 (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)
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Constant	99.27**	-15.21**
Rho	0.868	0.323
Log restricted likelihood	-8120	-8428
Wald Chi ²	811**	526**
Variance country	94.85	47.76
% out of total	51.5%	53.4%
Variance region	0.00	9.04
% out of total	0.0%	10.1%
Variance election	89.37	32.70
% out of total	48.5%	36.5%
N country	17	17
N region	304	304
N election	2661	2661

Notes: * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$ (one-tailed). Shown are the results of multilevel mixed effects linear regression models whereby elections are nested in regions and regions are nested in countries. The models include a control for autocorrelation over time (ρ). See table two for the simultaneity, closeness and proximity variables.