

The Office of “Aedileship” in the Roman Republic

Abstract:

This research deals with the office of the Aedileship since its inception until its disappearance around the end of the third century AD, through the classical sources. It also aims to do analytical study for most of those who held the office, and focuses on the functions of this office and the conditions of its assumption. The paper investigates the provisions of the Roman laws, the actual practice; and does this by studying various models of the Aedilis. In addition to, the above mentioned points, I study this office during Augustus' reign and explain the reasons that made Augustus reduce its functions and even empty it of its importance. Finally, I study the political dimension of this office which is considered the most important point in this study.