Appendix B

Data Sources and Problems

Budgetary Amendments

Each year the Joint Commission on the Budget publishes the amendments of deputies and senators (Brazil, Congresso Nacional 1988–92). Members used to submit these amendments on small cards, roughly two by six inches, and the published volumes contained photographic images of these cards, many of them handwritten. Each card contained the name and state of the deputy or senator, the program modified, the municipality benefited, the amount of money, and the program debited to finance the amendment. I coded all amendments in 1990 and 1991 but only a sample of the 72,672 amendments made in 1992. This analysis does not utilize the 1992 group, because members of the new 1991–94 Chamber offered these amendments. The analysis also excludes amendments (roughly 1 percent) benefiting no particular municipality. After 1993 the process changed, as the text details. I offer my thanks to Orlando de Assis and Carmen Pérez for help in obtaining the 1991 amendments.

The Electoral Results

For 1978 and 1982, the electoral results came from PRODASEN, the Senate’s data-processing arm. I thank Jalles Marquess and William for their help. For 1986 the Tribunal Superior Eleitoral provided some data, but eight states never sent election results to Brasília. I copied results at the regional tribunals in these states. For the 1990 election, the Tribunal, with the assistance of Roberto Siqueira, Sérgio, Flávio Antônio, Conceição, and Nelson, supplied data on diskette for fifteen states. Manuel Caetano in Porto Alegre helped with the results from Rio Grande do Sul. Current election results are readily available, usually through the Internet, from the Tribunal Superior Eleitoral’s website.