

*These notes relate to the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 10 November 2014*

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 - Sheriff Courts

Chapter 2 - Judiciary of the sheriffdoms

Permanent and full-time judiciary

Section 3 – Sheriffs principal

24. [Section 3](#) provides that there continues to be the office of sheriff principal, appointed by Her Majesty on the same basis as prior to the Act (that is, on the recommendation of the First Minister, after consulting the Lord President, in accordance with section 95(4) (b) of the Scotland Act 1998). The appointment procedure set out in section 3 does not affect the operation of section 11 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008, the effect of which is that the First Minister may only recommend an individual who has been recommended for appointment by the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland (subsection (4)).