

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 - Sheriff Courts

Chapter 2 - Judiciary of the sheriffdoms

Temporary and part-time judiciary

Section 7 – Temporary sheriff principal: further provision

28. [Section 7](#) makes further provision for the arrangements for a temporary sheriff principal. An appointment as a temporary sheriff principal ceases when it is recalled by the Scottish Ministers on the request of the Lord President (subsection (2)) or when the individual concerned ceases to be a sheriff or is suspended from that office (subsection (3)). (For suspension and removal of sheriffs, see section 22 and 25 respectively.) Except where the temporary sheriff principal is appointed to exercise only limited functions (in terms of section 6(4)(b)), he or she may exercise the jurisdiction and powers of sheriff principal of the sheriffdom (subsection (4)). A temporary sheriff principal retains his or her appointment as a sheriff (subsection (5)), but where the appointment is as a temporary sheriff principal of a sheriffdom other than that for which the person is a sheriff, he or she will only be able to act as a sheriff within the sheriffdom in which appointment as the temporary sheriff principal is held and not in his or her “home” sheriffdom (subsection (6)).