

*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**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### **Part 1 - Sheriff Courts**

#### ***Chapter 2 - Judiciary of the sheriffdoms***

#### **Cessation of appointment**

#### ***Section 20 – Cessation of appointment of judicial officers***

44. **Section 20** sets out the grounds upon which the appointment of a sheriff principal, a sheriff, a summary sheriff, a part-time sheriff, or a part-time summary sheriff may come to an end. Subsection (1) allows for resignation at any time by giving notice to that effect to the Scottish Ministers. Subsection (2) provides that the appointment of that officer will end on giving such notice or resignation, upon retirement (under the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993), upon removal from office in accordance with section 25 or upon appointment as another judicial officer specified in subsection (3).