

# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

#### PART 3

#### **CIVIL PROCEDURE**

## **CHAPTER 6**

## **VEXATIOUS PROCEEDINGS**

## 100 Vexatious litigation orders

- (1) The Inner House may, on the application of the Lord Advocate, make a vexatious litigation order in relation to a person (a "vexatious litigant").
- (2) A vexatious litigation order is an order which has either or both of the following effects—
  - (a) the vexatious litigant may institute civil proceedings only with the permission of a judge of the Outer House,
  - (b) the vexatious litigant may take a specified step in specified ongoing civil proceedings only with such permission.
- (3) In subsection (2)(b)—
  - (a) "specified ongoing civil proceedings" means civil proceedings which—
    - (i) were instituted by the vexatious litigant before the order was made, and
    - (ii) are specified in the order,
  - (b) "specified step" means a step specified in the order.
- (4) A vexatious litigation order has effect—
  - (a) during such period as is specified in the order, or
  - (b) if no period is so specified, indefinitely.
- (5) In this section and section 101—
  - (a) "the Inner House" means the Inner House of the Court of Session,
  - (b) "the Outer House" means the Outer House of the Court of Session,

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (c) "vexatious litigant" means, in relation to a vexatious litigation order, the person to whom the order relates,
- (d) "vexatious litigation order" means an order made under subsection (1).