



# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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### PART 1

#### SHERIFF COURTS

#### CHAPTER 2

#### JUDICIARY OF THE SHERIFFDOMS

##### *Temporary and part-time judiciary*

#### **8 Part-time sheriffs**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may appoint individuals to act as sheriffs; and individuals so appointed are to be known as “part-time sheriffs”.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may appoint an individual only if—
  - (a) the individual is qualified for appointment (see section 14), and
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers have consulted the Lord President of the Court of Session before making the appointment.
- (3) Subject to section 20, an appointment as a part-time sheriff lasts for 5 years.
- (4) A part-time sheriff may exercise the jurisdiction and powers that attach to the office of sheriff in every sheriffdom, and does not need a commission for that purpose.
- (5) A part-time sheriff is subject to such instructions, arrangements and other provisions as may be made under this Act by the sheriff principal of the sheriffdom in which the part-time sheriff is for the time being sitting.
- (6) In carrying out their functions under this Act, sheriffs principal must together have regard to the desirability of securing that every part-time sheriff—
  - (a) is given the opportunity of sitting on not fewer than 20 days in each successive period of 12 months beginning with the day of the part-time sheriff’s appointment, and
  - (b) does not sit for more than 100 days in each such successive period.