



Court of Session Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 36

PART VII

SUPPLEMENTARY

51 Interpretation

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“action” means a cause initiated by a summons;

“the Court” means the Court of Session and, in any provision conferring a power on the Court with regard to a cause before it, means, as the case may be, a Division of the Inner House, a Division sitting with an additional judge or judges or a Lord Ordinary;

“enactment” includes an act of sederunt^{F1} and an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament];

“the Inner House” means, in any provision conferring power on it, a Division thereof;

“the Lord President” means the Lord President of the Court of Session;

“prescribed” means prescribed by act of sederunt;

“solicitor” has the same meaning as in section 65(1) of the ^{M1}Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 51 inserted (1.4.2015) by [Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 18\)](#), s. 138(2), [sch. 5 para. 43](#); [S.S.I. 2015/77](#), art. 2(2)(3), sch.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1980 c. 46](#).

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52 Consequential amendments, repeals and savings.

- (1) The enactments specified in Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in that Schedule, being amendments consequential upon the provisions of this Act.
- (2) The enactments mentioned in Part I of Schedule 2 to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in the third column of that Schedule; and Parts II and III of that Schedule respectively show the extent to which the aforesaid enactments are re-enacted (with or without amendment) in this Act or are repealed without re-enactment as being no longer of practical utility or being spent or unnecessary.
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- (4) In so far as any appointment, act of sederunt or regulations made under any enactment repealed and re-enacted by this Act, or any other thing done under any such enactment, could have been made or done under a corresponding provision of this Act, it shall not be invalidated by the repeals effected by this section but shall have effect as if made or done under that corresponding provision.
- (5) Where any Act or any document refers, either expressly or by implication, to an enactment repealed and re-enacted by this Act, the reference shall, except where the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the corresponding provision of this Act.
- (6) Nothing in this section shall be taken as prejudicing the operation of sections 16 and 17 of the ^{M2}Interpretation Act 1978 (general savings and repeal and re-enactment).

<p>Textual Amendments</p> <p>F2 S. 52(3) repealed (22.9.2015) by Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 18), s. 138(2), Sch. 5 para. 32(4); S.S.I. 2015/247, art. 2, Sch. (with art. 5(1))</p> <hr/> <p>Marginal Citations</p> <p>M2 1978 c. 30.</p>
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53 Short title, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Court of Session Act 1988.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the expiry of the period of 2 months beginning with the date on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to Scotland only.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 27(1A) added by [2024 asp 1 s. 7\(13\)](#)