



Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

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PART 2

PROCEEDINGS

Electronic proceedings

42 Further provision for summary cases

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, in relation to summary criminal proceedings, by order make provision for the purposes of or in connection with—
 - (a) using electronic complaints and other documents in electronic form,
 - (b) keeping, in electronic form, records of proceedings,
 - (c) allowing requirements as to formality (and validity) of documents to be satisfied by electronic means,
 - (d) using electronic communication.
- (2) Provision in an order under subsection (1) may, in particular, relate to—
 - (a) the availability of documents and records in electronic or other form to specified persons or classes of person,
 - (b) the authentication of—
 - (i) documents and records,
 - (ii) information contained in documents and records,
 - (c) the use of electronic signatures in documents and records.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may make provision by amending the 1995 Act or otherwise.
- (4) In subsection (1), the expressions “electronic complaint” and “electronic communication” are to be construed by reference to section 308A (expressions relating to electronic proceedings) of the 1995 Act.