

*These notes relate to the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013 (asp 14) which received Royal Assent on 17 December 2013*

# **SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM ACT 2013**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

3. The Act covers a range of issues, with much of the detail set out in schedules, as follows:
  - Provision for a referendum (section 1 and schedule 1)
  - Provision about voting etc. (sections 2-4 and schedule 2)
  - Rules concerning the conduct of the poll (sections 5-10 and schedule 3)
  - Campaign rules and enforcement (section 11-16 and schedules 4-6)
  - Referendum agents and observers (sections 17-22)
  - Provision about information, guidance, advice and encouragement (sections 23-26)
  - Other functions and funding of the Electoral Commission (sections 27-30)
  - Offences (sections 31-32 and schedule 7)
  - Power to make supplementary, incidental or consequential provision (section 33)
  - Legal proceedings (section 34)
  - Final provisions and interpretation (sections 35-37 and schedule 8)