

*These notes relate to the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 10 November 2014*

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 - Sheriff Courts

Chapter 2 - Judiciary of the sheriffdoms

Fitness for office

Section 26 – Abolition of the office of honorary sheriff

51. **Section 26** abolishes the office of honorary sheriff. Honorary sheriffs hold office under section 17 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 and have not been subject to the usual requirements for shrieval qualification in section 5 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (which are re-enacted in section 14 of the Act). Therefore after all honorary sheriffs have left office all of the judiciary of a sheriffdom will be legally qualified.