

# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 2014 asp 18

## PART 1

SHERIFF COURTS

### **CHAPTER 2**

### JUDICIARY OF THE SHERIFFDOMS

Fitness for office

### 25 Removal from office

- (1) The First Minister may remove an individual from the office of sheriff principal, sheriff, part-time sheriff, summary sheriff or part-time summary sheriff—
  - (a) if a tribunal constituted under section 21 reports to the First Minister that the individual is unfit to hold that office by reason of inability, neglect of duty or misbehaviour, and
  - (b) only after the First Minister has laid the report before the Scottish Parliament under section 24(2).
- (2) The First Minister may remove a sheriff principal, sheriff or summary sheriff under subsection (1) only by order.
- (3) Such an order is subject to the negative procedure.