



Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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PART 1

SHERIFF COURTS

CHAPTER 3

ORGANISATION OF BUSINESS

Sheriff principal's general responsibilities

29 Lord President's power to exercise functions under sections 27 and 28

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where in any case the Lord President of the Court of Session considers that the exercise by the sheriff principal of a sheriffdom of a function under section 27 or 28—
 - (a) is prejudicial to the efficient disposal of business in the sheriff courts of the sheriffdom,
 - (b) is prejudicial to the efficient organisation or administration of those courts, or
 - (c) is otherwise against the interest of the public.
- (2) The Lord President may in that case—
 - (a) rescind the sheriff principal's exercise of the function, and
 - (b) exercise the function.
- (3) Subsections (1) and (2) apply in relation to a failure to exercise a function mentioned in subsection (1) as they apply to the exercise of such a function, but as if paragraph (a) of subsection (2) were omitted.
- (4) The exercise of a function by the Lord President by virtue of subsection (2)(b) is to be treated as if it were the exercise of the function by the sheriff principal.