

*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 3 — Organisation of business

Deployment of judiciary

Section 31 – Power to direct a sheriff or summary sheriff to act in another sheriffdom

57. *Section 31* provides that a sheriff or summary sheriff may be directed by the Lord President to perform the judicial functions that that individual already performs in another sheriffdom or sheriffdoms until the Lord President directs otherwise (subsections (1) and (3)). It also provides that this may be instead of, or in addition to, the performance of the duties that that individual already performs in the sheriffdom in which they are based (subsection (2)) or, where that individual has already been directed to act in another sheriffdom, to that individual's duties in that sheriffdom (subsection (4)).