

*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**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### **Part 1 - Sheriff Courts**

#### *Chapter 3 — Organisation of business*

#### **Deployment of judiciary**

#### *Section 33 – Allocation of sheriffs and summary sheriffs to sheriff court districts*

59. *Section 33* updates and restates section 14(3) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 and extends its provisions to summary sheriffs. It provides that the Lord President is to designate in a direction a particular sheriff court district in which a sheriff or summary sheriff is to sit. Further it allows the Lord President to move a sheriff or summary sheriff to a different district within the sheriffdom by designation in a direction. Subsection (3) clarifies the interaction between the power in subsection (1) with the power of the sheriff principal to make temporary special provisions under section 27(3)(b), giving precedence to the sheriff principal's use of that power.