

*These notes relate to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act  
2012 (asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 7 August 2012*

# **POLICE AND FIRE REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION**

#### **Part 1 – Police Reform**

#### *Chapter 2 – the Police Service of Scotland*

#### **Police Staff**

36. **Sections 26** and **27** make provision for police staff. **Section 26** provides the SPA with a power to appoint police staff to assist in the carrying out of police functions. The chief constable has power to make such appointments on behalf of the SPA. Police staff can be employed by the SPA or provided to the SPA under contract with a third party. Under **section 27** police staff may be employed on terms and conditions determined by the SPA and the SPA may pay or make arrangements for contributing to and paying pensions of police staff.