

*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 2 - Judiciary of the sheriffdoms

Fitness for office

Section 25 – Removal from office

50. [Section 25](#) provides for a judicial office holder's removal from office following the report of a tribunal constituted under section 21. Subsection (1) provides that the First Minister may remove an individual from the office of sheriff principal, sheriff, part-time sheriff, summary sheriff, or part-time summary sheriff if the tribunal has reported that the individual is unfit to hold that office and after that report has been laid before the Parliament. In the case of a sheriff principal, sheriff, or summary sheriff, such removal requires an order under the negative procedure (subsections (2) and (3)).