

*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 4 - Competence and jurisdiction*

#### **Sheriffs: civil competence and jurisdiction**

#### *Section 38 – Jurisdiction and competence of sheriffs*

68. Subsection (1) is a statement of the civil competence of sheriffs. The approach taken in the Act is to frame this in terms of the competence of a sheriff, rather than the sheriff court. The generality provided for in subsection (1) that sheriffs will retain all the competence and jurisdiction which they had before this Act is enacted is not restricted by the specific kinds of actions listed in subsection (2). This list reflects extensions to competence and jurisdiction after the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907.
69. Actions for proving the tenor of documents and reduction are added to the list as recommended by the Scottish Civil Courts Review.