



# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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### PART 1

#### SHERIFF COURTS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### SHERIFFDOMS, SHERIFF COURT DISTRICTS AND SHERIFF COURTS

#### **2 Power to alter sheriffdoms, sheriff court districts and sheriff courts**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, following submission of a proposal under subsection (2), by order do any of the following—
  - (a) alter the boundaries of sheriffdoms or sheriff court districts,
  - (b) abolish sheriffdoms or sheriff court districts,
  - (c) form new sheriffdoms or sheriff court districts,
  - (d) provide that sheriff courts are to be held, or to cease being held, at any place specified in the order.
- (2) The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service may, with the agreement of the Lord President of the Court of Session, submit a proposal to the Scottish Ministers for the making of an order under subsection (1).
- (3) Before submitting a proposal to the Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service must consult such persons as it considers appropriate.
- (4) If, following submission of a proposal, the Scottish Ministers decide to make an order, they must have regard to the proposal in deciding what provision to make in the order.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may make an order under subsection (1) only with the consent of—
  - (a) the Lord President, and
  - (b) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.
- (6) An order under subsection (1) may—
  - (a) abolish any office in consequence of any provision made under subsection (1),

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- (b) modify any enactment (including this Act).