



Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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PART 1

SHERIFF COURTS

CHAPTER 2

JUDICIARY OF THE SHERIFFDOMS

Temporary and part-time judiciary

6 Temporary sheriff principal

- (1) Subsection (2) applies where, in relation to a sheriffdom—
 - (a) a vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff principal,
 - (b) the Lord President of the Court of Session believes that the sheriff principal is unable to perform all or some of the functions of the office, or
 - (c) the sheriff principal rules that he or she is precluded from performing all or some of those functions.
- (2) If the Lord President so requests, the Scottish Ministers must appoint—
 - (a) a person holding the office of sheriff (whether of the same or another sheriffdom), or
 - (b) a qualifying former sheriff principal (whether of the same or another sheriffdom),to act as sheriff principal of the sheriffdom.
- (3) A “qualifying former sheriff principal” is an individual who—
 - (a) ceased to hold that office other than by virtue of an order under section 25, and
 - (b) has not reached the age of 75.
- (4) The appointment may be made for the purposes of the exercise of—
 - (a) all of the sheriff principal's functions, or

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- (b) only those functions that the sheriff principal is unable to perform or is precluded from performing.
- (5) An individual appointed under subsection (2) is to be known as a “temporary sheriff principal”.
- (6) The Lord President may request the appointment of a temporary sheriff principal for a sheriffdom in the circumstances specified in subsection (1)(a) only if the Lord President considers such an appointment to be necessary or expedient in order to avoid a delay in the administration of justice in the sheriffdom.

Commencement Information

II [S. 6](#) in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.S.I. 2015/77](#), art. 2(2)(3), [Sch.](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 9](#)
- sch. 1 para. 2(g)(h) inserted by [2021 asp 16 s. 15\(8\)](#)