

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11)  
which received Royal Assent on 1st May 2012*

# SCOTLAND ACT 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS (AND SCHEDULES)

#### **Part 2: Ministers and Their Powers**

##### *Section 12: The Scottish Government*

48. *Subsection (1)* renames the Scottish Executive as the Scottish Government. This empowers the Scottish administration to use the term Scottish Government in formal, legal documents, following the increasing use of that term by the current Scottish administration and others in the public domain.
49. *Subsection (2)* amends the 1998 Act to reflect this renaming.