

*These notes relate to the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 29 October 2008*

# **JUDICIARY AND COURTS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2008**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### **Part 3 – the Courts**

#### **Sheriff Courts**

#### ***Section 53 – Sheriffs principal and sheriffs acting in other sheriffdoms***

104. This section replaces references to the Scottish Ministers in section 10 of the 1971 Act with references to the Lord President. It moves the power and responsibility for the movement of sheriffs principal and sheriffs across sheriffdoms from the Scottish Ministers to the Lord President. This is in line with the Lord President's role of securing the efficient disposal of business in all of the Scottish courts, including the sheriff courts, in section 2(2)(a).