

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 3 – the Courts

Sheriff Courts

Section 55 – Number, residence and deployment of sheriffs

106. Section 14 of the 1971 Act provides that the Scottish Ministers may by order prescribe the number of sheriffs to be appointed for each sheriffdom, that they may direct sheriffs as to their residence and as to their sheriff court district. This section amends section 14 by repealing the power to prescribe the number of sheriffs to be appointed for each sheriffdom and transferring the role of the Scottish Ministers to the Lord President.