

BANCORPSOUTH INC
Form 8-K
May 11, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 11, 2012 (May 10, 2012)

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Mississippi
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-12991
(Commission File
Number)

64-0659571
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Mississippi Plaza

201 South Spring Street

Tupelo, Mississippi
(Address of principal executive offices)

38804
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(662) 680-2000**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 10, 2012, BancorpSouth, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that Aubrey Patterson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, plans to retire as Chief Executive Officer in 2013.

A copy of the press release announcing the retirement of Mr. Patterson is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued on May 10, 2012 by BancorpSouth, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BANCORPSOUTH, INC.

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman
Cathy S. Freeman
Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary

Date: May 11, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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