PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC Form 8-K December 23, 2011

(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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): December 21, 2011

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	001-31566	42-1547151	
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer	
of Incorporation)		Identification No.)	
220 W 1'	C'. N. I	07202	
239 Washington Street, Jersey City, New Jersey		07302	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number,	, including area code:		(732)
590-9200			
	Not Applica	ıble	
(For	mer Name or Former Address, if	Changed Since Last Report)	
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* * *	ow if the Form 8-K filing is inte	•	the filing obligation of
the registrant under any of the	following provisions (see Genera	I Instruction A.2. below):	
[] Written communicatio	ns pursuant to Rule 425 under the	e Securities Act (17 CFR 230.4	25)
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[] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)			
[] Pre-commencement co (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	ommunications pursuant to Rule)	e 14d-2(b) under the Exchange	e Act

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

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On December 21, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amendments to the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws. The amendments, which are effective immediately (i) change the age for a director or director nominee to be eligible for election or appointment from age 72 to 73; and (ii) correct a cross reference contained in Article III, Section 3.

The text of the amendments to the Company's Amended and Restated By-Laws is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro forma financial information. Not Applicable.
- (c) Shell company transactions: Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Text of amendments to the Provident Financial Services, Inc.

Amended and Restated By-Laws.

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.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: December 23, 2011 By: / s / C h r i s t o p h e r

Martin

Christopher Martin

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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