

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

January 20, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 15, 2016

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

0-6253

(Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

71-0407808

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
(Address of principal executive offices)

71601  
(Zip Code)

(870) 541-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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

**Retirement of David L. Bartlett**

On January 15, 2016, David L. Bartlett retired as President and Chief Banking Officer of the Company and as Director of the Company and Simmons First National Bank. While Mr. Bartlett has agreed to make himself available for consultation as requested, he has elected not to enter into any formal relationship with the Company for continued service.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 20, 2016, the Board of Directors of Simmons First National Corporation (the “Company”) appointed Patrick A. Burrow to the position of Corporate Secretary. Mr. Burrow also serves as Executive Vice President and General Counsel. J. Burton “Burt” Hicks, who previously served as Corporate Secretary, will assume the position of senior vice president and chief operating officer of wealth management and specialty lending in Simmons First National Bank.

SIGNATURE

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.

SIMMONS FIRST  
NATIONAL  
CORPORATION

/s/ Robert A.  
Fehlman  
Robert A. Fehlman,  
Senior Executive Vice  
President,  
Chief Financial  
Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 20, 2016