

BANCORPSOUTH INC  
Form 8-K  
February 12, 2013

**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): February 12, 2013 (February 12, 2013)

**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**

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 February 12, 2013, BancorpSouth, Inc. (the Company ) announced the retirement of Larry D. Bateman from his positions as Executive Vice President of the Company and Vice Chairman of BancorpSouth Bank, effective as of March 15, 2013.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not Applicable.

**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: February 12, 2013