

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/  
Form 8-K  
July 30, 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) July 25, 2013**

**AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-34280**  
(Commission

File Number)

**74-0484030**  
(IRS employer  
Identification No.)

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**One Moody Plaza Galveston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77550-7999**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (409) 763-4661**

n/a

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

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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**

On July 25, 2013, the Board of Directors of American National Insurance Company (the Company) authorized certain retirement benefit changes that will take effect December 31, 2013. As a result of this action, the Company will shift its retirement benefits for non-bargaining employees and officers from defined benefit plans to contributory defined contribution plans. As of December 31, 2013, participation and benefit accruals under the Company's affected defined benefit plans will be frozen, with no additional years of service credit or salary increase credit. Benefits earned by eligible employees prior to such date will not be affected. As a result of these changes, the Company expects reduced volatility of costs associated with providing retirement benefits, simplified administration and a greater degree of employee engagement in retirement planning. The Company notified employees of these changes on July 29, 2013.

It is expected that the material terms regarding these retirement plan changes will be finalized pursuant to amendments to the affected plans or adoption of new plans to be presented to the Company's Board of Directors prior to December 31, 2013 and reported by an amendment to this current report thereafter.

**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.

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ John J. Dunn, Jr.

Name: John J. Dunn, Jr.

Title: Executive Vice President and Corporate  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 30, 2013