

SHORE BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
February 27, 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): February 24, 2012

**SHORE BANCSHARES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-22345 52-1974638 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission file number) (IRS Employer incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

18 East Dover Street, Easton, Maryland 21601

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 763-7800

N/A

(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 obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

£ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

£ 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.**

(b) Departure of Directors.

On February 24, 2012, the Board of Directors of Shore Bancshares, Inc. received a letter from Jerry F. Pierson pursuant to which he notified the Board of his desire to retire from the Board and, accordingly, that he will not stand for re-election as a director at the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Pierson's retirement will be effective at the close of the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SHORE BANCSHARES, INC.                      Dated: February 24, 2012 By: /s/ W. Moorhead Vermilye                      W.  
Moorhead Vermilye      Chief Executive Officer                      (Principal Executive Officer)