

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 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): October 19, 2011

**REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**000-50831**  
(Commission

File Number)

**1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH**

**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203**

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

**63-0589368**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (205) 944-1300

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

(d) On October 19, 2011, the Board of Directors ( Board ) of Regions Financial Corporation ( Regions ) appointed John D. Johns to the Regions Board, effective immediately. The appointment of Mr. Johns increases the size of Regions Board to sixteen (16) members.

Mr. Johns is the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Protective Life Corporation ( Protective ), a Birmingham, Alabama-based company that provides financial services through the production, distribution and administration of insurance and investment products throughout the United States. There are no arrangements or understandings with other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a Director. On October 20, 2011, Mr. Johns was awarded a grant of 9,485 shares of restricted stock under the Regions Financial Corporation 2010 Long Term Incentive Plan, pursuant to Regions compensation program for Directors that applies uniformly to all non-employee Directors. The restricted stock is subject to a continued service requirement and the restrictions lapse on the first anniversary of the grant date, or earlier in the case of Mr. Johns death or disability or upon termination without cause following a change in control of Regions. Mr. Johns has been assigned to the Risk Committee and Compensation Committee of the Board. Mr. Johns was also appointed a Director of Regions Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Regions.

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

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Regions Financial Corporation dated October 20, 2011.

**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.

REGIONS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Fournier J. Gale, III  
Name: Fournier J. Gale, III  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary

Date: October 21, 2011