

AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORP  
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Registration No. 333-54015

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**POST-EFFECTIVE**  
**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**TO**

**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**American Retirement Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Tennessee**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**62-1674303**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**111 Westwood Place, Suite 200**  
**Brentwood, Tennessee 37027**  
**(615) 221-2250**  
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,  
Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

**W.E. Sheriff**  
**Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President**  
**American Retirement Corporation**  
**111 Westwood Place, Suite 200**  
**Brentwood, Tennessee 37027**  
**(615) 221-2250**  
(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number  
Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

Copies to:

**T. Andrew Smith**  
**Bass, Berry & Sims PLC**  
**315 Deaderick Street, Suite 2700**  
**Nashville, Tennessee 37238**  
**(615) 742-6200**

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** Not applicable.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

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If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box.

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### DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

On June 1, 1998, American Retirement Corporation (the Company) filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-54015), as amended to date (the Registration Statement), to register \$350,000,000 in aggregate maximum offering price of the Company's common stock, debt securities and preferred stock to be offered from time to time. Pursuant to the Registration Statement, the Company and certain shareholders of the Company have offered and sold an aggregate of 4,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock having an aggregate offering price of \$72,000,000 or \$16.00 per share.

The Company does not intend to offer any additional common stock, debt securities or preferred stock under the Registration Statement and, therefore, is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to deregister the remaining unsold \$278,000,000 aggregate amount of common stock, debt securities and preferred stock covered by the Registration Statement. The Registration Statement is hereby amended, as appropriate, to reflect the deregistration of such securities.

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Brentwood, State of Tennessee, on this 9th day of June, 2004.

#### AMERICAN RETIREMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ W. E. Sheriff  
W. E. Sheriff  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ W. E. Sheriff</u> W. E. Sheriff	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)	June 9, 2004
<u>/s/ Bryan D. Richardson</u> Bryan D. Richardson	Executive Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	June 9, 2004
* <u>Frank M. Bumstead</u>	Director	June 9, 2004
* <u>Christopher J. Coates</u>	Director	June 9, 2004
<u>Donald D. Davis</u>	Director	
<u>John C. McCauley</u>	Director	

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* _____ John A. Morris, Jr., M.D.	Director	June 9, 2004
* _____ Daniel K. O'Connell	Director	June 9, 2004
_____ J. Edward Pearson	Director	
* _____ Nadine C. Smith	Director	June 9, 2004
* _____ Lawrence J. Steusser	Director	June 9, 2004
* /s/ W. E. Sheriff _____ W. E. Sheriff, Attorney-in-Fact		