FIFTH THIRD BANCORP Form 8-K June 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): June 21, 2011

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

OHIO

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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001-33653 (Commission File Number)

Fifth Third Center

38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(800) 972-3030

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(Zip Code)

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

(d) On June 21, 2011, the Board of Directors of Fifth Third Bancorp (the Registrant) elected B. Evan Bayh as a Director. The Board of Directors increased the size of the Board to thirteen Directors and appointed Mr. Bayh as a Director to fill the vacancy created by the increase. The Board has not yet determined which committees that Mr. Bayh is to be appointed.

Mr. Bayh s compensation for service as a Director will be consistent with that of the Registrant s other non-employee directors, as described in the Registrant s definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 10, 2011 and the Registrant s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated June 21, 2011 relating to the appointment of B. Evan Bayh as a Director of Fifth Third Bancorp.

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.

FIFTH THIRD BANCORP (Registrant)

By: /s/ KEVIN T. KABAT Kevin T. Kabat President and Chief Executive Officer

June 21, 2011