

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(d) Election of Director. On May 24, 2018, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the “Company”) increased the size of the Board from nine to ten members and elected James P. Dunigan to the Board. Mr. Dunigan has also been elected to the Board of Directors of Provident Bank, the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary. The Company issued a news release on May 29, 2018 to announce the election of Mr. Dunigan to the Board. The full text of the news release is attached as an Exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Mr. Dunigan was elected to the class of directors whose terms expire at the Company’s annual meeting of stockholders in 2019, and he was appointed to serve as a member of the Audit and Risk Committees. The Board affirmatively determined that Mr. Dunigan is an independent director pursuant to the Company’s Independence Standards and New York Stock Exchange corporate governance listing standards.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Dunigan and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Dunigan was elected as a director. There is no current or currently proposed transaction as to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a participant and in which Mr. Dunigan has or will have a direct or indirect material interest, and which would be reportable pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

For his service on the Board, Mr. Dunigan will receive the standard compensatory arrangements provided to other non-employee directors of the Company, including cash retainers and stock awards as described in the Company’s Proxy Statement dated March 16, 2018.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	News release dated May 29, 2018

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.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: May 29, 2018 By: /s/ John Kuntz
John Kuntz
Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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