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Form 8-K

November 16, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 15, 2007

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| NORTH CAROLINA  | 0-24626      | 56-1886527          |
| (State or other | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| jurisdiction of | File Number) | Identification No.) |
| incorporation)  |              |                     |

201 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28401  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (910) 343-0181

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL

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(a) On November 15, 2007, the Board of Directors of Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") amended and restated: (i) Article II, Sections 5 and 9 of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "Bylaws") to permit the electronic delivery of written notices of stockholders' meetings and the electronic submission of stockholder voting instructions; (ii) Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws to provide the Board of Directors with the discretion to permit an incumbent director to serve on the Company's Board or to stand for election despite the Bylaws' existing 72-year age limitation; (iii) Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 of the Bylaws to authorize the Company's Board of Directors to provide that some or all of any or all classes or series of the Company's capital stock may be uncertificated shares; and (iv) Article X of the Bylaws to eliminate the requirement that all amendments to the Bylaws be filed with the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development, or any successor agency.

Previously, the Company's Bylaws (i) did not provide for the electronic delivery of notices of stockholders' meetings or stockholder voting instructions, (ii) did not provide the Board of Directors with the discretion to permit an incumbent director to serve on the Company's Board despite the Bylaws' 72-year age limitation, (iii) did not authorize the issuance of uncertificated shares and (iv) required that all amendments to the Bylaws be filed with the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development, or any successor agency.

A copy of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws is attached to this Report as Exhibit 3.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.  
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On November 16, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing that on November 15, 2007, the Board of Directors declared the 2007 fourth quarter dividend of \$0.05 per share. The dividend is payable on or about January 17, 2008, to stockholders of record as of January 2, 2008.

The full text of the Company's press release dated November 16, 2007, issued in connection with the announcement, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is furnished herewith.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.  
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(d) Exhibits

| Number<br>----- | Description<br>-----  |
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| 3.2             | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cooperative Bankshares, Inc. |
| 99.1            | Press Release Dated November 16, 2007                       |

SIGNATURES

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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.

COOPERATIVE BANKSHARES, INC.

/s/ Frederick Willetts, III

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Frederick Willetts, III  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 16, 2007