

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K

July 20, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 19, 2018

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas 0-6253 71-0407808  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(870) 541-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.05 Amendments to the Registrant’s Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics.**

On July 19, 2018, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of Simmons First National Corporation (“Corporation”) approved amendments to the Corporation’s Code of Ethics (“Code”) to (1) require discussions and pre-approval of certain employment of associates outside the Corporation; (2) clarify that references in the Code to “customers” and “vendors” include potential customers and vendors; and (3) require advance notification of an associate’s acceptance of any overnight trip provided by a customer or vendor.

The amendments to the Code are effective July 19, 2018. The text of the Code, as amended, is attached hereto as Exhibit 14.1 and incorporated herein by reference. This description of the amendments is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text thereof.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 14.1 Amended and Restated Simmons First National Corporation Code of Ethics (July 19, 2018).

SIGNATURE

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.

**SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION**

Date: July 20, 2018 /s/ Robert A. Fehlman  
Robert A. Fehlman, Senior Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer