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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

May 2, 2012 (April 26, 2012)

Date of Report

(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

Synovus Financial Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Georgia (State of Incorporation)

1-10312

58-1134883

(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer I 1111 Bay Avenue, Suite 500, Columbus, Georgia 31901

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(706) 649-2311

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

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#### <u>Item 5.07</u> <u>Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.</u>

The Company s 2012 annual shareholders meeting was held on April 26, 2012. Following is a summary of the proposals that were submitted to the shareholders for approval and a tabulation of the votes with respect to each proposal.

#### **Proposal 1**

The proposal was to elect as directors the 15 nominees named in the proxy statement for Synovus 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

| Nominee   | Votes For     | Votes Against | Abstentions |
|---|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Catherine A. Allen  | 1,798,038,614 | 23,082,711    | 5,391,904   |
| Frank W. Brumley  | 1,768,719,334 | 54,211,960    | 3,581,935   |
| Stephen T. Butler   | 1,809,350,217 | 13,480,116    | 3,682,896   |
| Elizabeth W. Camp   | 1,800,523,051 | 20,897,070    | 5,093,108   |
| T. Michael Goodrich   | 1,800,690,421 | 21,463,785    | 4,359,023   |
| V. Nathaniel Hansford   | 1,796,894,192 | 25,382,887    | 4,236,150   |
| Mason H. Lampton  | 1,798,890,768 | 23,444,450    | 4,178,011   |
| Jerry W. Nix  | 1,805,254,170 | 16,044,171    | 5,214,888   |
| Lynn Page   | 1,798,077,149 | 24,556,243    | 3,879,837   |
| Joseph J. Prochaska, Jr.  | 1,800,593,877 | 21,500,196    | 4,419,156   |
| J. Neal Purcell   | 1,801,218,306 | 21,317,578    | 3,977,345   |
| Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.   | 1,801,371,302 | 21,264,245    | 3,877,682   |
| Melvin T. Stith   | 1,795,181,300 | 27,558,032    | 3,773,897   |
| Philip W. Tomlinson   | 1,747,858,921 | 74,555,923    | 4,098,385   |
| James D. Yancey   | 1,798,308,073 | 23,852,626    | 4,352,530   |
| There were 195,068,929 broker non-votes for each director on this proposal. |               |               |             |

#### Proposal 2

The proposal was to approve the compensation of Synovus named executive officers as determined by the Compensation Committee.

| Votes For     | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1,719,144,434 | 98,026,259    | 9,342,536   | 195,068,929         |

#### **Proposal 3**

The proposal was to re-approve the material terms of performance goals under the Synovus Financial Corp. 2007 Omnibus Plan.

|               |               |             | Broker      |  |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--|
| Votes For     | Votes Against | Abstentions | Non-Votes   |  |
| 1,722,279,286 | 96,860,918    | 7,373,025   | 195,068,929 |  |

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## Proposal 4

The proposal was to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as Synovus independent auditor for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

| Votes For     | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker<br>Non-Votes |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1,976,472,049 | 41,970,290    | 3,139,819   | 0                   |

### **Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Synovus has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP. (Synovus)

Dated: May 2, 2012

By: /s/ Samuel F. Hatcher

Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

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