

SI Financial Group, Inc.  
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 80-0643149  
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification No.)  
incorporation or organization)

803 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**SI Financial Group, Inc.**

**2012 Equity Incentive Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

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| Rheo A. Brouillard<br>President and Chief Executive Officer<br>SI Financial Group, Inc.<br>803 Main Street<br>Willimantic, Connecticut 06226 | Copies to:<br>Eric S. Kracov, Esq.<br>Suzanne A. Walker, Esq.<br>Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP<br><b>607 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 900</b><br>Washington, DC 20005 |
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(Name and address of agent for service) **(202) 508-5800**

**(860) 423-4581**

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act . (Check One):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
 Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| <b>Title of securities to be registered</b> | <b>Amount to be registered<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>Proposed maximum offering price per share</b> | <b>Proposed maximum aggregate offering price<sup>(3)</sup></b> | <b>Amount of registration fee</b> |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock<br>\$.01 par value             | 706,712 <sup>(2)</sup>                       | \$11.25  | \$7,950,510  | \$912                             |

(1) Together with an indeterminate number of additional shares which may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the SI Financial Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Equity Plan”) as the result of a stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment to the outstanding common stock of SI Financial Group, Inc. (the “Common Stock”) pursuant to 17 C.F.R. §230.416(a).

(2) Represents 504,794 shares which may be issued upon the exercise of options to purchase shares of the Common Stock and 201,918 shares of Common Stock which may be distributed upon the vesting of stock awards under the Equity Plan.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Represents the closing price for the common stock as reported on May 22, 2012 in accordance with 17 CFR Section 230.457(c) and 230.457(h).

**This Registration Statement shall become effective immediately upon filing in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and 17 C.F.R. §230.462.**

## **PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

### **Items 1 (Plan Information) and 2 (Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information).**

The documents containing the information for the SI Financial Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Equity Plan”) specified by Part I of this Registration Statement will be sent or given to the participants in the Equity Plan as specified by Rule 428(b)(1). Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) either as a part of this Registration Statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement pursuant to Rule 424, in reliance on Rule 428. Such documents and the information incorporated by reference pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus for the Registration Statement.

## **PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference**

The following documents filed or to be filed by SI Financial Group, Inc. (the “Registrant” or the “Corporation”) with the SEC are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K which includes the consolidated balance sheets of the Registrant and subsidiary as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of income, statements of comprehensive income, changes in stockholders’ equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009. The Form 10-K was filed with the SEC on March 12, 2012 (File No.0-54241).
  
- (b) The Corporation’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2012 filed with the SEC on May 9, 2012 (File No. 0-54241).
  
- (c) The description of the Registrant’s common stock contained in Registrant’s Form 8-K12G3 as filed with the SEC on January 13, 2011 (File No. 0-54241).

(d) The Corporation's Current Reports on Form 8-K (other than those portions furnished under items 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 of Form 8-K) filed with the SEC on April 25, 2012, May 9, 2012 and May 11, 2012.

(e) All documents filed by the Registrant and the Plan, where applicable, pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold (in each case other than those portions furnished under items 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 of Form 8-K or Form 8-K/A).

*Any statement contained in this Registration Statement, or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.*

**Item 4. Description of Securities**

Not applicable, as the Registrant's Common Stock is registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel**

The validity of the Common Stock offered hereby has been passed upon for the Registrant by the firm of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

The Articles of Incorporation of SI Financial Group, Inc. provides as follows:

**NINTH:** The Corporation shall indemnify (A) its directors and officers, whether serving the Corporation or at its request any other entity, to the fullest extent required or permitted by the general laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force, including the advance of expenses under the procedures required, and (B) other employees and agents to such extent as shall be authorized by the Board of Directors or the Corporation's Bylaws and be permitted by law. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled. The Board of Directors may take such action as is necessary to carry out these indemnification provisions and is expressly empowered to adopt, approve and amend from time to time such Bylaws, resolutions or contracts implementing such provisions or such further indemnification arrangements as may be permitted by law. No amendment of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation shall limit or eliminate the right to indemnification provided hereunder with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed**

None.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed with or incorporated by reference into this registration statement on Form S-8 (numbering corresponds generally to the Exhibit Table in Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

List of Exhibits (filed herewith unless otherwise noted):

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of SI Financial Group, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>
- 3.2 Bylaws of SI Financial Group, Inc. <sup>(2)</sup>
- 5.0 Opinion of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP as to the legality of the Common Stock to be issued
- 23.1 Consent of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP (contained in the Opinion filed as Exhibit 5.0 hereto)
- 23.2 Consent of Wolf & Company, P.C.
- 24.0 Power of Attorney (contained on the signature page)
- 99.1 SI Financial Group, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan<sup>(3)</sup>
- 99.2 Form of Equity Award Agreements

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit 3.1 in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on September 10, 2010.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit 3.2 in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on September 10, 2010.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's definitive proxy statement on Form DEF14A filed with the SEC on March 30, 2012.

## Item 9. Undertakings

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in the volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

*Provided, however,* that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering;

(4) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liquidity under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference into the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement related to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.



(5) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in such Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in such Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

*The Registrant.*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, SI Financial Group, Inc. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in City of Willimantic, State of Connecticut, on May 24, 2012.

**SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ Rheo A. Brouillard  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal executive officer)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below (other than Rheo A. Brouillard) constitutes and appoints Rheo A. Brouillard, as the true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any or all amendments to the Form S-8 registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and things requisite and necessary to be done as fully, and to all intents and purposes, as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Name   | Title  | Date         |
|--|--|--------------|
| /s/ Rheo A. Brouillard<br>Rheo A. Brouillard | President and Chief Executive Officer<br>(Principal executive officer)   | May 24, 2012 |
| /s/ Brian J. Hull<br>Brian J. Hull           | Executive Vice President,<br>Chief Operating Officer, Treasurer and<br>Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal accounting and financial officer) | May 24, 2012 |

/s/ Henry P. Hinckley Chairman of the Board  
Henry P. Hinckley

May 24, 2012

/s/ Donna M. Evan      Director May 24, 2012  
Donna M. Evan

/s/ Roger Engle        Director May 24, 2012  
Roger Engle

/s/ Robert O. Gillard   Director May 24, 2012  
Robert O. Gillard

/s/ Mark D. Alliod      Director May 24, 2012  
Mark D. Alliod

/s/ Michael R. Garvey   Director May 24, 2012  
Michael R. Garvey

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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