AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ Form 8-K February 26, 2016

UNITED STATES

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) February 25, 2016

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction 001-34280 (Commission 74-0484030 (IRS employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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One Moody Plaza Galveston, Texas77550-7999(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)Registrant s telephone number, including area code (409) 763-4661

n/a

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

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

At its regular meeting on February 25, 2016, the Board of Directors of American National Insurance Company (the Company) appointed James E. Pozzi, the Company s President and Chief Executive Officer, as Chairman of the Board. The Board also appointed Robert L. Moody, Sr. to the newly created employee position of Chairman Emeritus.

Also on February 25, 2016, the Board of Directors, pursuant to authority granted to it in the Company's Bylaws, reduced the number of directors on the Board from nine to seven, effective immediately following the Company's 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Board nominated a slate of seven director nominees to be considered by stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Such director nominees are William C. Ansell, Arthur O. Dummer, Frances A. Moody-Dahlberg, James P. Payne, E. J. Jere Pederson, James E. Pozzi and James D. Yarbrough, all of whom currently serve as Company directors.

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.

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ John J. Dunn, Jr. Name: John J. Dunn, Jr. Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 26, 2016