

BANCORPSOUTH INC  
Form 8-K  
July 27, 2011

**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): July 27, 2011 (July 27, 2011)**

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Mississippi**

**1-12991**

**64-0659571**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Mississippi Plaza  
201 South Spring Street  
Tupelo, Mississippi**

**38804**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(662) 680-2000**

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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))
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**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On July 27, 2011, the Board of Directors of BancorpSouth, Inc. (the Company ) announced the retirement of W. Gregg Cowser from his positions as Executive Vice President of the Company and Vice Chairman and Chief Lending Officer of BancorpSouth Bank, effective as of September 30, 2011.

A copy of the press release announcing the retirement of Mr. Cowser is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued on July 27, 2011 by BancorpSouth, Inc.

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**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.

**BANCORPSOUTH, INC.**

By: /s/ Cathy S. Freeman  
Cathy S. Freeman  
Executive Vice President and Corporate  
Secretary

Date: July 27, 2011

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release issued on July 27, 2011 by BancorpSouth, Inc.