DineEquity, Inc Form 8-K May 23, 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): May 23, 2016

DineEquity, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-15283 (Commission File No.)

95-3038279 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

450 North Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

91203-2306 (Zip Code)

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

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On May 23, 2016, the Board of Directors of DineEquity, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Corporation ), approved amendments to the Amended Bylaws of the Corporation (as amended, the Bylaws ). The amendments, which became effective immediately, include the adoption of a majority voting standard for uncontested director elections and an exclusive forum provision. The amendments also make various technical updates and administrative refinements.

Majority Voting for Uncontested Director Elections

Section 2 of Article II now provides that a nominee for director shall be elected to the Board of Directors if the votes cast for such nominee s election exceed the number of votes cast against such nominee s election; provided, however, that directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at any meeting of stockholders for which the Secretary of the Corporation determines that the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected as of the record date for such meeting.

**Exclusive Forum** 

New Article X of the Bylaws provides that, unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, to the fullest extent permitted by law, all Internal Corporate Claims shall be brought solely and exclusively in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if such court does not have jurisdiction, the Superior Court of the State of Delaware, or, if such other court does not have jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware). Internal Corporate Claims means claims, including claims in the right of the Corporation, brought by a stockholder (including a beneficial owner) (i) that are based upon a violation of a duty by a current or former director or officer or stockholder in such capacity or (ii) as to which the Delaware General Corporation Law confers jurisdiction upon the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware.

The description of the amendments to the Bylaws above does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Bylaws, attached as Exhibit 3.2 to this Report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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3.2 Amended Bylaws of DineEquity, Inc.

#### **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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 23, 2016 DINEEQUITY, INC.

By: /s/ Bryan R. Adel

Bryan R. Adel

Senior Vice President, Legal, General

Counsel and Secretary

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