

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP

Form 8-K/A

August 15, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K/A

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 10, 2018

Commission File Number 0-17071

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA

35-1544218

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street

P.O. Box 792

Muncie, IN 47305-2814

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(765) 747-1500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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:

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

Explanatory Note

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A (this “Amendment”) updates information disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 11, 2018 (the “Original Form 8-K”) relating to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of First Merchants Corporation (the “Company”) held on May 10, 2018 (the “Annual Meeting”). The sole purpose of this Amendment is to disclose the Company’s decision regarding how frequently it will conduct future advisory votes on executive compensation. No other changes have been made to the Original Form 8-K.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

(d) As previously reported in the Original Form 8-K, at the Annual Meeting, an advisory vote was conducted on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation. The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) recommended that advisory votes be held every year and a majority of the shares were voted for advisory votes to be held every year. The Company has decided, consistent with the vote of the Company’s shareholders and the recommendation from the Board, to conduct a shareholder advisory vote on the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers every year (the next such vote being at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company) until the next required vote on the frequency of shareholder advisory votes on the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers (which will be at the 2024 Annual Meeting, unless presented earlier).

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.

First Merchants Corporation
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Mark K. Hardwick
Mark K. Hardwick
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer
and Chief Operating Officer

Dated: August 15, 2018