

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
Washington, D.C. 20429**

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 16, 2018**

Bank OZK

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

110

(FDIC Certificate Number)

71-0130170

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

17901 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, Arkansas

(Address of principal executive offices)

72223

(Zip Code)

(501) 978-2265

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Bank of the Ozarks

(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 (see General Instruction A.2.):

- () Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- () Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- () 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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Effective July 16, 2018, Bank of the Ozarks (the “Company”) changed its corporate name to Bank OZK (the “Name Change”). An amendment to the Company’s Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the “Articles Amendment”) to effect the Name Change was approved and recommended to the Company’s shareholders by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) on February 26, 2018. As previously disclosed, the Company’s shareholders approved the Name Change and the Articles Amendment at the 2018 Annual Shareholders Meeting on May 7, 2018. The Articles Amendment and Name Change were also approved by the Arkansas State Bank Department on June 5, 2018, to be effective July 16, 2018. On February 26, 2018, the Board adopted and approved an amendment to the Company’s bylaws to reflect the Name Change (the “Bylaws Amendment”), which became effective immediately upon the effectiveness of the Name Change. The only changes made to the Company’s bylaws through the Bylaws Amendment were to replace references to Bank of the Ozarks with references to Bank OZK. The foregoing descriptions do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Articles Amendment and the Bylaws Amendment, copies of which are filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1 and Exhibit 3.2, respectively.

In connection with the Name Change, the Company’s common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the new ticker symbol “OZK,” effective as of the opening of trading hours on July 16, 2018. The Name Change resulted in a change to the CUSIP number for the Company’s common stock; the new CUSIP number is 06417N 103. The Name Change does not affect the rights of the Company’s security holders. Outstanding stock certificates for shares of the Company’s common stock, which reflect the former name of the Company, will continue to be valid and need not be exchanged.

In connection with the Name Change, the Company launched a new corporate website, <http://www.ozk.com>, and a new investor relations website, <http://ir.ozk.com>. The Company’s investor relations information, including press releases, copies of the Company’s filings with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and corporate governance documents, will now be available on the Company’s new investor relations website, <http://ir.ozk.com>.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 16, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the Name Change. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

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| 3.1 | Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation effective July 16, 2018 |
| 3.2 | First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws effective July 16, 2018 |
| 4.2 | Form of Bank OZK Common Stock Certificate |
| 99.1 | Press Release issued by Bank OZK on July 16, 2018 |

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.

BANK OZK

Date: July 16, 2018

By: /s/ Greg McKinney

Name: Greg McKinney

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE
AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
BANK OF THE OZARKS**

Pursuant to Sections 23-48-307 and 23-48-308 of the Arkansas Banking Code of 1997, as amended, Bank of the Ozarks (the "Bank") adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

FIRST: Paragraph (a) of Article I of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Bank is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

- (a) The name of the Bank is Bank OZK, effective July 16, 2018.

SECOND: The foregoing amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Bank was approved at the Bank's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 7, 2018 (the "Meeting") by shareholders of the Bank holding a majority of the votes entitled to be cast thereon in the manner prescribed by the Arkansas Banking Code of 1997, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Bank has caused these Articles of Amendment to be duly executed by a duly authorized officer this 7th day of May, 2018.

BANK OF THE OZARKS

By: /s/ George Gleason
Name: George G. Gleason
Title: Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF
BANK OF THE OZARKS**

Pursuant to SECTION 8 of ARTICLE VIII of the Amended and Restated Bylaws (“Bylaws”) of Bank of the Ozarks (“Bank”), the resolutions duly adopted by the Board of Directors, and Arkansas law, the Bylaws are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 of Article I is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SECTION 1. The main office of Bank OZK (referred to herein as the “Bank”) shall be located in the City of Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Additionally, any and all other references to “Bank of the Ozarks” in such Bylaws are hereby amended and replaced with “Bank OZK.” Except as modified and amended hereby, the Bylaws remain in full force and effect with no further amendment or modification.

Adopted and effective as of July 16, 2018.



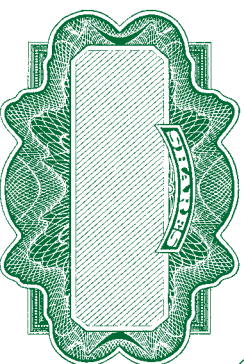
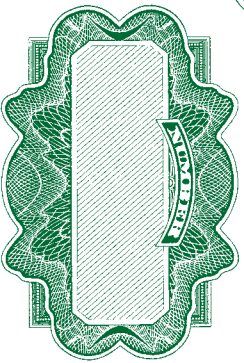
Bank OZK

A BANKING CORPORATION

COMMON STOCK

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

SEE REVERSE FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS
CUSIP 06417N 10 3



THIS CERTIFIES THAT

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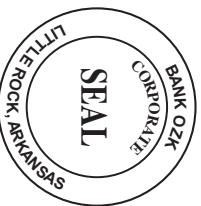
BANK OZK

transferable on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof, in person or by duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of this Certificate properly endorsed. This Certificate and the shares represented hereby are issued and shall be held subject to all the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, and all amendments and restatements thereof, to all of which each holder by the acceptance hereof consents. This Certificate is not valid unless countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Dated:

COUNTERSIGNED AND REGISTERED:
BANK OZK
(LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS)
TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE



CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SECRETARY



THE CORPORATION WILL FURNISH TO ANY SHAREHOLDER, UPON REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE, A FULL STATEMENT OF THE POWERS, DESIGNATIONS, PREFERENCES, LIMITATIONS, AND RELATIVE RIGHTS OF THE SHARES OF EACH CLASS OF STOCK OF THE CORPORATION AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED, SUCH REQUEST MAY BE MADE TO THE CORPORATION AT ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR TO THE TRANSFER AGENT.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM — as tenants in common
TEN ENT — as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN — as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT — _____ Custodian _____
(Cust) (Minor)
Under Uniform Gifts to Minors
Act _____
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

For Value Received, _____ *hereby sell, assign and transfer unto*

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING POSTAL ZIP CODE OF ASSIGNEE

_____ *Shares*
of the Stock represented by the within Certificate, and do hereby irrevocably constitute and
appoint _____

_____ *Attorney*
to transfer the said stock on the books of the within named Corporation with full power of
substitution in the premises.

Dated _____

NOTICE:
THE SIGNATURE(S) TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME(S) AS WRITTEN UPON THE FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATEVER.

X _____
(SIGNATURE)

X _____
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THE SIGNATURE(S) SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE MEDALLION PROGRAM), PURSUANT TO S.E.C. RULE 17Ad-15.

SIGNATURE(S) GUARANTEED BY:



NEWS RELEASE

Date: July 16, 2018
Release Time: 6:00 a.m. ET
Media Contact: Susan Blair (501) 978-2217
Investor Contact: Tim Hicks (501) 978-2336

Bank OZK To Celebrate New Name, Ticker and Logo at Nasdaq Stock Market

Bank OZK Chairman and CEO George Gleason and Executives from Across the Company will Participate in the Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Bell Ceremony Today

NEW YORK CITY, July 16, 2018 - Bank OZK (Nasdaq: OZK), formerly Bank of the Ozarks, today will celebrate the first day of trading under its new name and ticker symbol OZK, marking the occasion by opening the market at Nasdaq. Bank OZK Chairman and Chief Executive Officer George Gleason will be joined by executives from throughout the company to ring the opening bell at the Nasdaq MarketSite in Times Square.

The company's name change from Bank of the Ozarks to Bank OZK reflects our continuing evolution from an Arkansas community bank into a much larger regional bank with national lending businesses. The name embodies both the Bank's heritage and dedication to developing digital experiences to help customers meet their financial needs. The name change was approved by shareholders on May 7, 2018 at the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

"Today marks the beginning of a new journey - one that illustrates our bank's evolution in a changing industry," said Gleason. "Our new name reflects our rich history and our commitment to being a leader in technology and innovation as we continue our expansion across the United States. We're looking forward to embracing a larger role in the nation's banking landscape under the banner of Bank OZK."

The Bank OZK name and new logo appear on the Bank's website, mobile banking, branch interior signage, correspondence and documents, effective today. Exterior signage with the new

name and logo will be installed at Bank OZK's 252 offices and ATMs over the next 90 days. Customers can use their existing debit cards and checks without interruption.

The name change resulted in a change to the CUSIP number for the Bank's outstanding shares of common stock. The new CUSIP number for such common stock is 06417N103. Outstanding stock certificates for shares of the Bank's common stock, which reflect the former name of the Bank, will continue to be valid and need not be exchanged.

Viewers can watch a live webcast of The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Bell Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. ET on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/nasdaq> or via the Nasdaq Marketsite Webcam at <http://new.livestream.com/nasdaq/live>. A video replay and photographs of the ceremony will be archived at http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm.

About Bank OZK

Bank OZK (Nasdaq: OZK) is a regional bank providing innovative financial solutions delivered by expert bankers with a relentless pursuit of excellence. Bank OZK has been recognized as the #1 bank in the nation in its asset size for eight consecutive years. Headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Bank conducts banking operations through 252 offices in Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Texas, Alabama, South Carolina, New York, California and Mississippi and had \$22.2 billion in total assets as of June 30, 2018. Bank OZK can be found at www.ozk.com and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) or contacted at (501) 978-2265 or P.O. Box 8811, Little Rock, Arkansas 72231-8811.

The Bank files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy materials and other information required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), copies of which are available electronically at the FDIC's website at <https://efr.fdic.gov/fcxweb/efr/index.html> and are also available on the Bank's Investor Relations website at www.ir.ozk.com.