

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP
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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

May 12, 2011 (May 9, 2011)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Protective Life Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-11339
(Commission
File Number)

95-2492236
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2801 Highway 280 South

Birmingham, Alabama 35223

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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(205) 268-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Protective Life Corporation (PLC) held its Annual Meeting of shareowners on May 9, 2011 (the 2011 Annual Meeting). In accordance with the mandatory retirement age for Directors established in PLC s By-Laws, James S. M. French did not stand for re-election to PLC s Board of Directors at the 2011 Annual Meeting and resigned from the Board of Directors on May 9, 2011.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

(b)

The matters that were voted upon at the 2011 Annual Meeting, and the number of votes cast for, against or withheld, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes as to each such matter, as applicable, are set forth below.

(1) Election of Directors

| Nominee Name | Votes For | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| Robert O. Burton | 72,649,225 | 1,433,268 | 6,801,174 |
| Thomas L. Hamby | 70,902,523 | 3,179,970 | 6,801,174 |
| John D. Johns | 69,228,162 | 4,854,331 | 6,801,174 |
| Vanessa Leonard | 72,639,910 | 1,442,583 | 6,801,174 |
| Charles D. McCrary | 58,302,457 | 15,780,036 | 6,801,174 |
| John J. McMahon, Jr. | 69,019,635 | 5,062,858 | 6,801,174 |
| Hans H. Miller | 72,648,849 | 1,433,644 | 6,801,174 |
| Malcolm Portera | 72,644,129 | 1,438,364 | 6,801,174 |
| C. Dowd Ritter | 70,498,768 | 3,583,725 | 6,801,174 |
| Jesse J. Spikes | 72,634,042 | 1,448,451 | 6,801,174 |
| William A. Terry | 72,632,811 | 1,449,682 | 6,801,174 |
| W. Michael Warren, Jr. | 72,645,164 | 1,437,329 | 6,801,174 |
| Vanessa Wilson | 72,654,187 | 1,428,306 | 6,801,174 |

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the 2011 Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote on the proposal, was required to elect each nominee for Director. Accordingly, each of the nominees for Director set forth above was elected by the share owners, to serve until the next annual meeting of share owners or until he or she is succeeded by another qualified Director who has been elected.

(2) Advisory Vote Regarding the Compensation of the Named Executive Officers.

The shareowners were asked to vote on the following advisory resolution:

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RESOLVED, that the Company's share owners advise that they approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2011 Annual Meeting of Share Owners pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and the related discussion and materials.

| Votes For | Votes Withheld | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 68,035,936 | 5,828,346 | 218,211 | 6,801,174 |

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The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the 2011 Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote on the proposal, was required to adopt the resolution set forth above. Accordingly, the resolution set forth above was approved by the share owners.

(3) Advisory Vote on Frequency of Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation.

The share owners were asked to vote on the following advisory resolution:

RESOLVED, that the share owners of the Company recommend that an advisory resolution with respect to the compensation of the Company's named executive officers should be presented every one, two, or three calendar years, as reflected by the share owners' votes for each of these alternatives in connection with this resolution.

| One Year | Two Years | Three Years | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|-----------|-------------|---------|------------------|
| 65,145,845 | 3,227,535 | 5,651,475 | 57,638 | 6,801,174 |

A plurality of the votes cast determined the outcome of the advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation. Accordingly, the share owners' advisory vote was cast in favor of having an annual advisory vote on executive compensation.

(4) Ratification of Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Independent Accountants for 2011.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|---------|------------------|
| 78,616,372 | 2,201,505 | 65,790 | 0 |

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at the 2011 Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote on the proposal, was required to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Independent Accountants for 2011. Accordingly, the proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Independent Accountants for 2011 was approved by the share owners.

(d)

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 9, 2011, after the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Board voted, in light of the share owner advisory vote on the frequency of share owner advisory votes on executive compensation, that the share owner advisory vote on the compensation of PLC's named executive officers shall be held annually. This determination by the Board will remain in effect until the Board determines otherwise, but in no event past the date of the next required vote on the frequency of the share owner vote on executive compensation.

SIGNATURE

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.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION
/s/Steven G. Walker
Steven G. Walker
Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Dated: May 12, 2011