

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 8-K
June 17, 2010

**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

June 11, 2010
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-2189
(Commission File Number)

36-0698440
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 937-6100

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Item 5.02 - Election of Directors

On June 11, 2010, Edward M. Liddy and Phebe N. Novakovic were named to the Abbott Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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

On June 11, 2010, Abbott Laboratories Board of Directors amended the first sentence of Article III, Section 2 of Abbott's by-laws to provide that Abbott's Board of Directors shall consist of fourteen persons, effective as of June 11, 2010. Abbott's by-laws previously provided that the Board of Directors consisted of twelve persons.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

Exhibit

3.1

By-Laws of Abbott Laboratories, as amended and restated effective June 11, 2010

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.

Abbott Laboratories

Date: June 17, 2010

By:

/s/ Thomas C. Freyman
Thomas C. Freyman
Executive Vice President,
Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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