

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 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**

**January 5, 2016 (January 4, 2016)**

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)

**(205) 268-1000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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N/A

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c) On January 4, 2016, the Board of Directors elected Richard J. Bielen President and Chief Operating Officer of Protective Life Corporation (the Company). Mr. Bielen, 55, has served as Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since 2007. John D. Johns, 62, who has served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 2003, will continue to serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

The Board also elected Steven G. Walker Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Controller. Mr. Walker, 56, has served as Chief Accounting Officer and Controller of the Company since 2003.

**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.

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION

/s/ Steven G. Walker  
Steven G. Walker  
Executive Vice President, Controller  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 5, 2016