

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2016

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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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

February 25, 2016

Financial Institutions, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

0-26481

16-0816610

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

220 Liberty Street, Warsaw, New York

14569

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

585-786-1100

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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.**

On February 24, 2016, James L. Robinson notified Financial Institutions, Inc. (the "Company") that he will not stand for re-election to the Board of Directors of the Company when his current term expires at the upcoming 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Robinson has served as a director since 2007. His decision not to stand for re-election was not due to any disagreement with the Company.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 24, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing the declaration of a cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share. The Company also announced dividends of \$0.75 per share on Series A 3% Preferred Stock and \$2.12 per share on Series B-1 8.48% Preferred Stock. All dividends are payable April 4, 2016 to shareholders of record as of March 15, 2016.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Financial Institutions, Inc. on February 24, 2016

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**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.

Financial Institutions, Inc.

*February 25, 2016*

By: */s/ Kevin B. Klotzbach*

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*Name: Kevin B. Klotzbach*

*Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer*

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| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                        |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release issued by Financial Institutions, Inc. on February 24, 2016 |