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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): April 20, 2018 (April 19, 2018)

FRED'S, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

<u>Tennessee</u> <u>62-0634010</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation) Identification No.)

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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)

"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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). "

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 financing accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

(b)

Linda Longo-Kazanova notified the Board of Directors ("Board") of Fred's Inc. ("Company") of her resignation from the Board effective April 19, 2018. Her resignation was not the result of any disagreement with the Company, its management, or its operations, policies or practices.

Longo-Kazanova joined the Board with significant acquisition integration and human resources expertise at the time the company was actively pursuing the purchase of certain assets from Rite Aid Corporation. The Company appreciates Longo-Kazanova remaining on the board through Fiscal 2017 following the termination of the Rite Aid agreement, and thanks her for her contributions and service.

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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.

FRED'S, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: April 20, 2018 By: /s/ Joseph M. Anto

Name: Joseph M. Anto

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary