

FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

Form 8-K

February 18, 2014

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 17, 2014**

FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina

001-12669

57-0799315

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

520 Gervais Street

Columbia, South Carolina

29201

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(800) 277-2175

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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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 8.01 Other Events

On February 17, 2014, First Financial Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its plan to change the name of its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, SCBT, to South State Bank, and, subject to approval of the Company's shareholders at the Company's 2014 annual meeting of shareholders, a planned change in the name of the Company to South State Corporation. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by First Financial Holdings, Inc., dated February 17, 2014.

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.

FIRST FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: February 18, 2014

/s/ John C. Pollok
John C. Pollok
Senior Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer, and
Chief Operating Officer

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