INDEPENDENT BANK CORP /MI/ Form 8-K February 03, 2010

# UNITED STATES

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

#### FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 1, 2010

#### **INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as

specified in its charter)

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Michigan	0-7818	38-2032782
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)		Identification No.)
230 West Main Street		48846
Ionia, Michigan		(Zip Code)
(Address of principal executive office)		
Registrant's telephone number,		
including area code:		

(616) 527-9450

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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x 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 1, 2010, Independent Bank Corporation (the "Corporation") filed with the State of Michigan the amendment to its articles of incorporation approved by shareholders on January 29, 2010. The amendment increases the total authorized common shares from 60 million shares to 500 million shares. A copy of the filing is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) <u>Exhibits</u>

99.1 Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation filed with the State of Michigan, dated January 29, 2010.

#### SIGNATURE

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.

Date: February 3, 2010

INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION

(Registrant)

/s/ Robert N. Shuster

By: Robert N. Shuster

Its: Executive Vice President and

**Chief Financial Officer**