

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

September 26, 2005

**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): September 26, 2005 (September 21, 2005)

**STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

0-19289

31-1324304

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

518 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

43215-3976

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (614) 464-5000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))
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**Section 5. Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

State Auto Financial Corporation ( STFC ) is filing this Form 8-K to disclose information under Item 5.02(b) of that Form.

On September 21, 2005, James E. Kunk resigned as a director of STFC.

On September 22, 2005, William J. Lhota retired as a director of STFC.

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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.

STATE AUTO FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: September 26, 2005

By /s/ Steven J. Johnston

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer