

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 8-K  
May 02, 2018

**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): May 2, 2018**

**Athersys, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**3201 Carnegie Avenue,**

**001-33876**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**20-4864095**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**44115-2634**

**Cleveland, Ohio**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900**

**(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).

Emerging growth company

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

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On May 2, 2018, the Board of Directors of Athersys, Inc. (the Company ) amended Article III, Section 4 of the Company s bylaws to lower the vote required to remove a director, with or without cause, from the affirmative vote of the stockholders representing not less than two-thirds of the voting power of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company to not less than a majority of the voting power of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Company. The description of the Company s bylaws, as amended, is qualified in its entirety by the text of the bylaws, as amended, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	<u>Bylaws of Athersys, Inc., as amended May 2, 2018.</u>

**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.

**ATHERYS, INC.**

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell

Name: Laura K. Campbell

Title: Senior Vice President of Finance

Date: May 2, 2018