LOWES COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K March 24, 2016

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) March 18, 2016

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Carolina 1-7898 56-0578072

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File (IRS Employer Identification No.)

of incorporation)

1000 Lowe's Blvd., Mooresville, NC (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (704) 758-1000

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

(a) On March 18, 2016, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Lowe's Companies, Inc. (the "Company") approved certain amendments to the Company's Bylaws (as amended, the "Bylaws"), effective immediately, to implement proxy access. The Bylaws include a new Article I, Section 14 that permits a shareholder, or a group of up to twenty shareholders, owning three percent or more of the Company's outstanding common stock continuously for at least three years, to nominate and include in the Company's annual meeting proxy materials director nominees constituting up to the greater of two directors or twenty percent of the Board, provided that the shareholder(s) and the nominee(s) satisfy the requirements specified in the Bylaws. The Bylaws also include a number of ministerial, clarifying and conforming changes.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Company's Bylaws, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 3.1 Bylaws of Lowe's Companies, Inc., as amended and restated.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

Date: March 24, 2016 By: /s/ Ross W. McCanless

Ross W. McCanless

General Counsel, Secretary and Chief Compliance

Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

3.1 Bylaws of Lowe's Companies, Inc., as amended and restated.