

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2017

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) December 18, 2017

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First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware 001-16715 56-1528994  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina 27609  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 716-7000

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(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  
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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. ”

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On December 18, 2017, First Citizens BancShares, Inc.'s bank subsidiary, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company ("FCB") and HomeBancorp, Inc. ("HomeBancorp") announced that they had entered into a definitive merger agreement. The agreement provides for the acquisition by FCB of Tampa, Florida-based HomeBancorp and its bank subsidiary, HomeBanc.

The agreement has been approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies. The transaction is expected to close no later than the second quarter of 2017, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals and the approval of HomeBancorp's shareholders.

Under the terms of the agreement, cash consideration of \$15.03 will be paid to HomeBancorp's shareholders for each of their shares of HomeBancorp's common stock.

A copy of the joint press release issued by FCB and HomeBancorp announcing the proposed transaction is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit accompanies this report.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Joint press release dated December 18, 2017

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: December 18, 2017 By: /s/ Craig L. Nix  
Craig L. Nix  
Chief Financial Officer