

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /  
Form 6-K  
February 27, 2012

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## Form 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of: February, 2012

Commission File Number: 002-09048

## THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

(Name of registrant)

44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1

Attention: Secretary s Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Yes  No

If  Yes is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in The Bank of Nova Scotia's registration statements on Form S-8 (File No. 333-177640) and Form F-9 (File No. 333-179383) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Date: February 27, 2012

By: /s/ Nives Gaiotto  
Name: Nives Gaiotto  
Title: Assistant Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Notice of the 180 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Management Proxy Circular
99.2	Form of Proxy
99.3	Mandate of the Board of Directors