

PROTECTIVE LIFE CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 2005

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**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): **July 20, 2005**

**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12332**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-2492236**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2801 Highway 280 South  
Birmingham, Alabama 35223**  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(205) 268-1000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(d) The Board of Directors of Protective Life Corporation ("Company"), upon recommendation of its Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, elected Charles D. McCrary and C. Dowd Ritter to the Board, effective July 20, 2005. Effective as of that date, Messrs. McCrary and Ritter were also named as members of the Finance and Investments Committee of the Board. The Board determined that each of these directors qualify as independent members of the Board. Messrs. McCrary and Ritter will stand for election at the Company's 2006 annual meeting of share owners.

There is no arrangement or understanding between either Mr. McCrary or Mr. Ritter and any other person pursuant to which either was selected as a director of the Company. There are no transactions in which either Mr. McCrary or Mr. Ritter has an interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

**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.

**PROTECTIVE LIFE CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Steven G. Walker  
Steven G. Walker  
Senior Vice President, Controller and  
Chief Accounting Officer

Date: July 26, 2005