

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 10, 2016

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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):  
June 7, 2016

ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE                      001-15749      31-1429215  
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of Incorporation)              File Number) Identification No.)

7500 DALLAS PARKWAY, SUITE 700  
PLANO, TEXAS 75024  
(Address and Zip Code of Principal Executive Offices)

(214) 494-3000  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act

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

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

On February 16, 2016, the Board of Directors ("Board") of Alliance Data Systems Corporation (the "Company") adopted an amendment to the Company's Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation ("Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation") to eliminate restrictions on removal of directors, to become effective upon approval by the Company's stockholders of proposal three contained in the Company's proxy statement for the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders and filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company held June 7, 2016 (the "Annual Meeting"), the Company's stockholders approved this amendment and the Company filed the Certificate of Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "Certificate of Amendment") with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 7, 2016.

The preceding description of the Certificate of Amendment is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, reference to the full text of the Certificate of Amendment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

On June 8, 2016, the Board adopted the Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation ("Third Restated Certificate of Incorporation") of the Company for the sole purpose of integrating the amendments to the Second Restated Certificate of Incorporation, to become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The Company filed the Third Restated Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 8, 2016.

The preceding description of the Third Restated Certificate of Incorporation is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, reference to the full text of the Third Restated Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On June 7, 2016, the Company's Annual Meeting was held at the Company's corporate headquarters at 7500 Dallas Parkway, Suite 700, Plano, Texas 75024. A total of 50,119,425 shares of the Company's common stock were present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, representing approximately 84.79% of the Company's shares outstanding as of April 8, 2016, the record date set for the Annual Meeting. The matters voted on at the Annual Meeting and the results for each matter were as follows:

(a) Each of Bruce K. Anderson, Roger H. Ballou, D. Keith Cobb, E. Linn Draper, Jr., Edward J. Heffernan, Kenneth R. Jensen, Robert A. Minicucci and Laurie A. Tucker was elected as a director of the Company to serve until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

Bruce K. Anderson

45,893,950 For  
1,026,119 Against  
25,629 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

Roger H. Ballou

45,030,361 For  
1,532,713 Against  
382,624 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

D. Keith Cobb

46,080,231 For  
857,526 Against  
7,941 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

E. Linn Draper, Jr.

46,220,719 For  
699,209 Against  
25,770 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

Edward J. Heffernan

46,244,249 For  
693,889 Against  
7,560 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

Kenneth R. Jensen

45,624,949 For  
938,505 Against  
382,244 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

Robert A. Minicucci

45,953,409 For  
902,080 Against  
90,209 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

Laurie A. Tucker

46,808,741 For

129,693	Against
7,264	Abstain
3,173,727	Broker Non-Votes

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(b) Executive compensation was approved, on an advisory basis, by the Company's stockholders.

46,378,480 For  
520,221 Against  
46,997 Abstain  
3,173,727 Broker Non-Votes

(c) An amendment to the Company's certificate of incorporation to eliminate restrictions on removal of directors was approved by the Company's stockholders as a routine matter for which brokers are permitted to vote without direction per New York Stock Exchange Rule 452. \*

49,990,585 For  
128,840 Against

\* If such proposal is considered a non-routine matter for which brokers are not permitted to vote without direction, the results would be as follows.

46,816,858 For  
3,302,567 Against

(d) The selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2016 was ratified by the Company's stockholders.

49,696,422 For  
414,363 Against  
8,640 Abstain

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
3.1	Certificate of Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Alliance Data Systems Corporation
3.2	Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Alliance Data Systems Corporation

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SIGNATURES

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.

Alliance Data Systems  
Corporation

Date: June 10, 2016    By:    /s/ Charles L. Horn  
Charles L. Horn  
Executive Vice  
President and  
Chief Financial  
Officer

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