

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
April 12, 2016

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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): April 11, 2016

AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Iowa 001-31911  
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission  
of Incorporation) File Number)

6000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(515) 221-0002  
(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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42-1447959  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)  
50266  
(Zip Code)

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On April 11, 2016, Debra J. Richardson notified American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the "Company") she will retire as Executive Vice President and Secretary effective July 1, 2016. Ms. Richardson has been employed by the Company since 1996. Ms. Richardson will continue as a member of the Company's Board of Directors.

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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.

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT  
LIFE HOLDING COMPANY

Date: April 12, 2016

By: /s/ John M. Matovina  
Name: John M. Matovina  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and President