

SI Financial Group, Inc.
Form 8-K
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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): January 3, 2018

SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-54241 80-0643149
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission (IRS Employer
File Number) Identification No.)

803 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(860) 423-4581
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(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 communications pursuant to Rule 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. []

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1) (the “Act”) was signed into law. The Act includes a number of changes in existing tax law impacting businesses including, among other things, a permanent reduction in the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018.

As of September 30, 2017, SI Financial Group, Inc. (the “Company”) had net deferred tax assets totaling \$9.4 million. Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company’s net deferred tax asset as of September 30, 2017 was determined based on the current enacted federal tax rate of 34% prior to the passage of the Act. As a result of the reduction in the corporate income tax rate to 21% under the Act, the Company will need to revalue its net deferred tax asset in the period of enactment. The Company estimates that this will result in a reduction in the value of its net deferred tax asset of approximately \$4.0 million, which would be recorded as additional income tax expense in the Company’s statement of income for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2017.

The Company’s revaluation of its deferred tax assets is subject to further clarification of the new law that cannot be estimated at this time. As such, the Company is unable to make a final determination of the effect on quarterly and annual earnings for the period ending December 31, 2017. Additionally, the Company is evaluating the other provisions of the Act and is unable to assess the effect on the Company at this time.

Forward Looking Statements

This current report on Form 8-K may contain forward-looking statements, which can be identified by the use of words such as “will,” “would,” “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “evaluate,” “estimates” or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements and all other statements that are not historic facts are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions, changes in the interest rate environment, legislative or regulatory changes that may adversely affect our business, changes in accounting policies and practices, changes in competition and demand for financial services, adverse changes in the securities markets, changes in deposit flows and changes in the quality or composition of our loan or investment portfolios. Additionally, other risks and uncertainties may be described in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K, its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or its other reports as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are available through the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Should one or more of these risks materialize, actual results may vary from those anticipated, estimated or projected. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Form 8-K. The Company assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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.

SI FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Date: January 3, 2018 By: /s/ Lauren L. Murphy
Lauren L. Murphy
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer