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): September 27, 2006

UNUMPROVIDENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

001-11294 (Commission File Number) 62-1598430 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

1 Fountain Square

 $Identification\ No.)$

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(423) 294-1011

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " 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))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On September 27, 2006, C. William Pollard, Chairman of the Board of Directors of UnumProvident Corporation, informed the company of his decision to resign from the position of Chairman effective September 30, 2006 and to retire from the Board effective December 31, 2006. The Board of Directors elected Jon S. Fossel to serve as Chairman of the Board effective October 1, 2006.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Pollard s decision to resign as Chairman and to retire from the Board, and the election of Mr. Fossel as Chairman of the Board is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed with this Report:
- 99.1 Press release of UnumProvident Corporation dated September 27, 2006, announcing resignation of C. William Pollard from Chairman position and decision to retire, and election of Jon S. Fossel as Chairman.

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.

UnumProvident Corporation

(Registrant)

Date: September 27, 2006 By: /s/ Susan N. Roth

Name: Susan N. Roth

Title: Vice President, Corporate Secretary &

Assistant General Counsel

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