

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
June 15, 2005

**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): **June 9, 2005**

**AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**IOWA**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-31911**  
(Commission File Number)

**42-1447959**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**50266**  
(Zip Code)

**(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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  - o 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) On June 9, 2005, the Board of Directors of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the Company ) increased the size of the Board of Directors to 11 members and elected Robert L. Howe as a director. Mr. Howe will serve in the class of directors with a term expiring at the Company s 2006 Annual Meeting. Mr. Howe was appointed to and will serve as the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release issued by the Company on June 15, 2005 announcing the election.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated June 15, 2005

**SIGNATURES**



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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.

Date: June 15, 2005

**AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**

By: */s/ Wendy L. Carlson*  
Wendy L. Carlson  
Chief Financial Officer and  
General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**



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**Exhibit  
Number**  
99.1

Press Release dated June 15, 2005

**Description.**