

WEST BANCORPORATION INC  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2008

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): October 23, 2008

West Bancorporation, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-49677  
(Commission  
File Number)

42-1230603  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa  
(Address of principal executive offices)

50266  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 515-222-2300

Not Applicable

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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:

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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 8.01 Other Events**

On October 23, 2008, the Board of Directors of West Bancorporation, Inc. (“Company”) passed resolutions adopting an amendment to the Company’s restated articles of incorporation to authorize a class of preferred stock and calling for a special meeting of shareholders for the purpose of voting to approve the amendment. Currently, the restated articles of incorporation do not authorize the issuance of preferred stock.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99: Press Release of West Bancorporation, Inc. dated October 24, 2008

Certain statements in this report constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words “believes,” “expects,” “should,” or “anticipates,” or references to estimates or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements are based upon certain underlying assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Because of the possibility of change in the underlying assumptions, actual results could differ materially from these forward-looking statements. The Company may not complete a sale of preferred stock under the Treasury’s program because of a number of factors, including, among other things, the Company not being approved under the program, the failure to obtain shareholder approval of the amendment to the restated articles of incorporation, or the failure to satisfy other closing conditions. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update such forward-looking statements to reflect current events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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**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.

West Bancorporation, Inc.

Date: *October 24, 2008*

By: */s/ Douglas R. Gulling*

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*Name: Douglas R. Gulling*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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