

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA  
Form 6-K  
December 16, 2015

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**

**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December 2015

Commission File Number 002-09048

**THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**(Registrant's name)**

44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza 8th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1

Attention: Secretary's Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in The Bank of Nova Scotia's registration statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-185049) and Form F-3 (File No. 333-200089) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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.

**THE BANK OF NOVA  
SCOTIA**

Date: December 16, 2015 By: /s/ Christy Bunker  
Name: Christy Bunker  
Managing Director,  
Title: Secured & Capital  
Funding

**EXHIBIT**

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

- 5.1 Opinion of Shearman & Sterling LLP, U.S. counsel for the Bank.
- 5.2 Opinion of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Canadian counsel for the Bank.
- 23.1 Consent of Shearman & Sterling LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above).
- 23.2 Consent of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2 above).