NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORP Form 8-K January 23, 2018

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 23, 2018 (January 22, 2018)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-8339 (Commission File Number)

Three Commercial Place Norfolk, Virginia 23510-9241 (Address of principal executive offices)

No Change (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. []

52-1188014 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

757-629-2680 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Departure of Executive Officer

On January 22, 2018, William A. Galanko announced his intention to retire from his position as Executive Vice President Law and Administration and Chief Legal Officer of Norfolk Southern Corporation ("NS"), effective March 1, 2018.

On January 23, 2018, the Board of Directors elected John M. Scheib Executive Vice President Law and Administration and Chief Legal Officer of NS, effective March 1, 2018. Mr. Scheib joined NS in 2005 as an attorney and was named Vice President Law in 2016. Since joining NS, Mr. Scheib has held positions of increasing responsibility in the NS Law Department and assumed responsibility for government relations and corporate communications in 2017.

Norfolk Southern issued a press release on January 23, 2018, announcing these actions. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number Description 99.1 <u>Press Release</u>

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SIGNATURES NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION (Registrant)

/s/ Denise W. Hutson Name: Denise W. Hutson Title: Corporate Secretary Date: January 23, 2018