UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (Date of earliest event reported): May 10, 2018

Commission File Number 0-17071

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

INDIANA	35-1544218
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 East Jackson Street P.O. Box 792 Muncie, IN 47305-2814

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(765) 747-1500

(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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under/13 the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Amendment No. 1

This Form 8-K/A is filed as an amendment (Amendment No. 1) to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by First Merchants Corporation under Items 5.02 and 9.01 on November 13, 2017.

Item 5.02 <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers</u>

(d) On May 10, 2018, the Board of Directors of First Merchants Corporation (the "Corporation") appointed Michael C. Marhenke to serve on the Corporation's Audit Committee.

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.

First Merchants Corporation (Registrant) By: <u>Is/ Mark K. Hardwick</u> Mark K. Hardwick Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

Dated: May 11, 2018