

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
Form 8-K
September 19, 2007

**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

September 14, 2007
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Illinois
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-2189
(Commission File Number)

36-0698440
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 937-6100

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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 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year

On September 14, 2007, Abbott Laboratories Board of Directors amended the first sentence of Article III, Section 2 of Abbott's bylaws to provide that Abbott's Board of Directors shall consist of twelve persons, effective October 1, 2007. Previously, it provided that the Board of Directors consisted of thirteen persons.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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3.1	By-Laws of Abbott Laboratories, as amended and restated as of October 1, 2007
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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.

Abbott Laboratories

Date: September 18, 2007

By: /s/ Thomas C. Freyman
Thomas C. Freyman
Executive Vice President,
Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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