Colony Financial, Inc. Form 8-K June 19, 2014

#### **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): June 19, 2014

# COLONY FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction

**001-34456** (Commission

**27-0419483** (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

2450 Broadway, 6th Floor

90404

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# Santa Monica, CA (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (310) 282-8820

#### **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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

Colony Financial, Inc. (the Company ) has filed Articles Supplementary classifying 3,450,000 shares of the Company s authorized preferred stock as Series B Preferred Stock with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (the Articles Supplementary ). The Articles Supplementary became effective on June 19, 2014. A description of the material terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, as contained within the Articles Supplementary, is set forth below:

**Issuer:** Colony Financial, Inc.

Security: 7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock (Series B

Preferred Stock )

**No Maturity:** Perpetual (unless repurchased or redeemed by the Issuer on or after June 19, 2019

or pursuant to its special optional redemption right, or converted by a holder in

connection with a Change of Control (defined below))

**Liquidation Preference:** \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends

**Dividend Rate:** Holders of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive cumulative cash

dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock at the rate of 7.50% per annum of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference, which is equivalent to \$1.8750 per annum

per share.

**Dividend Payment Dates:** Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will be payable quarterly in arrears on or

about the 15th day of each January, April, July and October. The first dividend on the Series B Preferred Stock sold in this offering will be paid on October 15, 2014

and will be in the amount of \$0.6042 per share.

**Optional Redemption:** Except in instances relating to preservation of our qualification as a REIT or

pursuant to our special optional redemption right discussed below, our Series B Preferred Stock is not redeemable prior to June 19, 2019. On and after June 19, 2019, we may, at our option, redeem our Series B Preferred Stock, in whole, at any time, or in part, from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to, but not

including, the date of redemption.

**Special Optional Redemption:** Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined below), we will have the

option to redeem our Series B Preferred Stock, in whole, at any time, or in part, from time to time, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control has occurred for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to, but not including, the redemption date. To the extent that we exercise our special optional redemption right relating to the Series B Preferred Stock, the holders of Series B Preferred Stock will not be permitted to exercise the conversion right described below in

respect of their shares called for redemption.

**Change of Control:** A Change of Control is when, after the original issuance of the Series B Preferred

Shares, the following have occurred and are continuing:

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the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a person under Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of shares of our capital stock entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in elections of directors (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and

following the closing of any transaction referred to in the bullet point above, neither we nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or ADRs representing such common securities) listed on the NYSE, the NYSE Amex or NASDAQ, or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE Amex or NASDAQ.

#### **Conversion Rights:**

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined above), you will have the right (unless we have elected to exercise our special optional redemption right to redeem your Series B Preferred Stock) to convert some or all of your Series B Preferred Stock into a number of shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, equal to the lesser of (A) the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference plus the amount of any accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) to, but not including, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a record date for a Series B Preferred Stock dividend payment and prior to the corresponding Series B Preferred Stock dividend payment date, in which case no additional amount for such accrued and unpaid dividend will be included in this sum) by (ii) the Common Stock Price; and (B) 2.2462 (i.e., the Share Cap), subject, in each case, to certain adjustments and provisions for the receipt of alternative consideration of equivalent value as described in the prospectus supplement.

If we have provided a redemption notice with respect to some or all of the Series B Preferred Stock, holders of any Series B Preferred Stock that we have called for redemption will not be permitted to exercise their Change of Control Conversion Right in respect of any of their shares of Series B Preferred Stock that have been called for redemption, and any Series B Preferred Stock subsequently called for redemption that has been tendered for conversion will be redeemed on the applicable date of redemption instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date.

The summary set forth above is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the Articles Supplementary included as an exhibit to the Company s Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on June 19, 2014.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

# Exhibit No. Description

3.1

Articles Supplementary designating Colony Financial, Inc. s 7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, liquidation preference \$25.00 per share, par value \$0.01 per share (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company s Form 8-A filed on June 19, 2014)

# **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: June 19, 2014 COLONY FINANCIAL, INC.

By: /s/ Ronald M. Sanders
Ronald M. Sanders
Vice President and

**Chief Legal Officer** 

# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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