

Ameris Bancorp  
Form 8-K/A  
October 17, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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 31, 2012**

**Ameris Bancorp**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Georgia**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13901**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**58-1456434**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**310 First Street, S.E., Moultrie, Georgia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (229) 890-1111**

**31768**  
(Zip Code)

(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A is being filed as an amendment (this Amendment No. 1 ) to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Ameris Bancorp (the Company ) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2012 (the Original Filing ). The sole purpose of this Amendment No. 1 is to disclose the determination of the Company s Board of Directors regarding the frequency with which the shareholders will have a non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation. No other changes have been made to the Original Filing other than to add the disclosure set forth in this Amendment No. 1.

**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

As reported in the Original Filing, a majority of votes cast at the Company s Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 31, 2012 were in favor of an annual advisory vote on executive compensation. In consideration of this vote, the Company s Board of Directors has determined that it will include a non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation in its proxy materials pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on an annual basis until the next advisory vote on the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation, which will occur no later than the Company s 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**SIGNATURE**

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

AMERIS BANCORP

By: /s/ Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Dennis J. Zember Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(principal accounting and financial officer)

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