

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): March 28, 2018

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-51331
(Commission File No.)

75-3199276
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

15W060 North Frontage Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60527
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 894-6900

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, 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):

- 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 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

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 8.01. Other Events.

On March 28, 2018, the Board of Directors of BankFinancial Corporation (the "Company") extended the expiration date of the Company's share repurchase authorization from June 30, 2018 to April 30, 2019, and increased the total number of shares authorized for repurchase by 500,000 shares. The Company is extending the expiration date and increasing the amount of shares authorized for repurchase as part of its continued efforts to further improve total shareholder return, and expects repurchases may offset the distribution of shares related to the termination of the BankFinancial National Association Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Pursuant to the share repurchase authorization, there are 665,476 shares of common stock authorized for repurchase through April 30, 2019.

The authorization does not obligate the Company to purchase any particular number of shares at any given price per share at any time. The authorization may be suspended, terminated or modified at any time for any reason, including market conditions, the cost of repurchasing shares, the availability of alternative investment opportunities, liquidity, and other factors deemed appropriate. These factors, as well as internal restrictions on trading in the Company's shares during specific time periods, may also affect the timing and amount of share repurchases without regard to the timing and amount of the distribution of shares related to the termination of the BankFinancial National Association Employee Stock Ownership Plan. This release includes "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements may be identified by words such as "believes," "will," "expects," "project," "may," "could," "anticipate," "estimates," "intends," "plans," and similar expressions. A variety of factors could cause the Company's actual results to differ from those expected at the time of this release. For a discussion of some of the factors that may cause actual results to differ from expectations, please refer to the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC, as supplemented by subsequent filings with the SEC. Investors are urged to review all information contained in these reports, including the risk factors discussed therein. Forward looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company does not undertake to update them to reflect changes.

A copy of the press release announcing this item is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not Applicable.
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Not Applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Description

[99.1](#) Press Release dated March 28, 2018

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.

BANKFINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: March 28, 2018

By: /s/ F. Morgan Gasior
F. Morgan Gasior
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BankFinancial Corporation Extends and Expands Share Repurchase Program

Burr Ridge, Illinois - (March 28, 2018) BankFinancial Corporation (Nasdaq - BFIN) announced today that its Board of Directors has extended the expiration date of the Company's share repurchase authorization from June 30, 2018 to April 30, 2019, and has increased the number of shares that can be repurchased in accordance with the authorization by 500,000 shares. The Company is extending the expiration date and increasing the amount of shares authorized for repurchase as part of its continued efforts to further improve total shareholder return, and expects repurchases may offset the distribution of shares related to the termination of the BankFinancial National Association Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Pursuant to this extended and increased share repurchase authorization, there are 665,476 shares of common stock authorized for repurchase through April 30, 2019.

The authorization permits shares to be repurchased in open market or negotiated transactions, and pursuant to any trading plan that may be adopted in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The authorization will be utilized at management's discretion, subject to price, volume and other internal limitations that will be established by the Company's Board of Directors, and to the limitations set forth in Rule 10b-18 of the Securities and Exchange Commission and other applicable legal requirements. Share repurchases will be funded from available working capital.

The authorization does not obligate the Company to purchase any particular number of shares at any given price per share at any time. The authorization may be suspended, terminated or modified at any time for any reason, including market conditions, the cost of repurchasing shares, the availability of alternative investment opportunities, liquidity, and other factors deemed appropriate. These factors, as well as internal restrictions on trading in the Company's shares during specific time periods, may also affect the timing and amount of share repurchases.

BankFinancial Corporation is the holding company for BankFinancial, NA, a full-service, community-oriented bank providing financial services to individuals, families and businesses through 19 full-service banking offices, located in Cook, DuPage, Lake and Will Counties, Illinois. At December 31, 2017, BankFinancial had total assets of \$1.626 billion, total loans of \$1.315 billion, total deposits of \$1.340 billion and stockholders' equity of \$198 million. BankFinancial Corporation's common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol BFIN.

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