

NORTHERN TRUST CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 19, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 17, 2007

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**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-5965**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2723087**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60603**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 630-6000

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**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On July 17, 2007, the Board of Directors of Northern Trust Corporation (the Corporation ) adopted an amendment to Article XI of the Corporation s By-laws. A copy of the By-laws of the Corporation, as amended, is filed as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The amendment to Article XI of the By-laws provides for the issuance and transfer of uncertificated shares. The amendment enables the Corporation to participate in the Direct Registration System (the DRS ), as required by rules recently adopted by the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC. The DRS allows investors to have securities registered in their names without the issuance of physical certificates and further allows investors to transfer securities electronically to broker-dealers in order to effect transactions without the risks and delays associated with transferring physical certificates. The amendment to the By-laws also provides that each registered stockholder shall be entitled to a stock certificate upon written request to the transfer agent or registrar of the Corporation.

The amendment took effect upon adoption by the Board of Directors.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

3.1 By-laws, as amended through July 17, 2007.

**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.

**NORTHERN TRUST CORPORATION**

(Registrant)

Date: July 18, 2007

By: /s/ Kelly R. Welsh  
Kelly R. Welsh  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
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