

LILLY ELI & CO
Form 8-K
July 14, 2009

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):

July 13, 2009

Eli Lilly and Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana

001-06351

35-0470950

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

46285

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

317-276-2000

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:

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- 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.

Effective July 13, 2009, the Company's board of directors approved an amendment to Section 2.2 of the Bylaws to elect that the terms of office of the Company's board of directors shall not be governed by Indiana Code Section 23-1-33-6(c), a newly-enacted provision of the Indiana Business Corporation Law that would, absent this election by the board, require the Company to maintain a classified board of directors.

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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.

Eli Lilly and Company

July 14, 2009

By: *James B. Lootens*

Name: James B. Lootens

Title: Secretary and Deputy General Counsel

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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