

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Form 8-K  
September 19, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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

September 14, 2007  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Illinois**  
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-2189**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-0698440**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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**100 Abbott Park Road**  
**Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6400**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 937-6100

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  - o 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**

On September 14, 2007, Abbott Laboratories Board of Directors amended the first sentence of Article III, Section 2 of Abbott's bylaws to provide that Abbott's Board of Directors shall consist of twelve persons, effective October 1, 2007. Previously, it provided that the Board of Directors consisted of thirteen persons.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit |
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| 3.1 | By-Laws of Abbott Laboratories, as amended and restated as of October 1, 2007 |
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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.

**Abbott Laboratories**

Date: September 18, 2007

By: /s/ Thomas C. Freyman  
Thomas C. Freyman  
Executive Vice President,  
Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit Index**

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