

AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO  
Form 8-K  
November 26, 2007

**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): **November 26, 2007**

**AMERICAN EQUITY  
INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

**001-31911**  
(Commission File Number)

**42-1447959**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5000 Westown Parkway, Suite 440, West Des Moines, Iowa**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**50266**  
(Zip Code)

**(515) 221-0002**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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.**

On November 15, 2007, the Board of Directors of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company (the “Company”) approved an amendment to the Company’s Amended and Restated Bylaws to allow for the issuance by the Company of uncertificated shares. A copy of the amendment is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)  
Exhibits

3.1 Amendment to the American Equity Investment Life Holding Company Amended and Restated Bylaws

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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.

Date: November 26, 2007

**AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING  
COMPANY**

By:

Wendy L. Carlson  
Wendy L. Carlson  
Chief Financial Officer and General  
Counsel

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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