

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC  
Form S-8 POS  
October 25, 2018

Registration No. 333-40544

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

**Post-Effective Amendment No. 1**

**to**

**FORM S-8**

***REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933***

**Financial Institutions, Inc.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**New York**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**16-0816610**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**220 Liberty Street**  
**Warsaw, New York**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**14569**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Financial Institutions, Inc. 1999 Directors Stock Incentive Plan**

**Financial Institutions, Inc. 1999 Management Stock Incentive Plan**

**Financial Institutions, Inc. Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan**

**(Full title of the plan(s))**

**William L. Kreienberg, Esq.**

**Executive Vice President, Chief Corporate Development Executive and General Counsel**

**220 Liberty Street**

**Warsaw, New York 14569**

**(Name and address of agent for service)**

**(585) 786-1100**

**(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)**

*With a copy to:*

**Craig S. Wittlin, Esq.**

**Alexander R. McClean, Esq.**

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**1600 Bausch & Lomb Place**

**Rochester, New York 14604**

**Tel: (585) 232-6500**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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 7(a)(2)(B)

of the Securities Act.

**DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES**

Financial Institutions, Inc. (the Company ) is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (the Post-Effective Amendment ) to deregister any and all shares of the Company s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, registered but unissued or unsold as of the date hereof under the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 30, 2000 (File No. 333-40544) (the Registration Statement ), with respect to the 1,635,353 shares of its common stock to be offered or sold under the Financial Institutions, Inc. 1999 Directors Stock Incentive Plan, the Financial Institutions, Inc. 1999 Management Stock Incentive Plan, and the Financial Institutions, Inc. Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan (the Plans ). As of the date hereof, there are no outstanding equity awards under the Plans and no new equity awards may be granted under the Plans.

Pursuant to the undertaking contained in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any of the securities registered that remain unissued at the termination of the offering, the Company is filing this post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement to deregister, and does hereby terminate the registration of, all remaining shares of common stock in the Plans that remain unissued or unsold under the Registration Statement as of the date hereof.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Village of Warsaw, State of New York, on October 25, 2018.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, INC.**

/s/ Martin K. Birmingham  
 Martin K. Birmingham  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Martin K. Birmingham Martin K. Birmingham	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	October 25, 2018
/s/ Kevin B. Klotzbach Kevin B. Klotzbach	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	October 25, 2018
/s/ Michael D. Grover Michael D. Grover	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	October 25, 2018
/s/ Karl V. Anderson Jr. Karl V. Anderson Jr.	Director	October 25, 2018
/s/ Donald K. Boswell Donald K. Boswell	Director	October 25, 2018
/s/ Dawn H. Burlew Dawn H. Burlew	Director	October 25, 2018
/s/ Andrew W. Dorn Jr.	Director	October 25, 2018

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Andrew W. Dorn Jr.

/s/ Robert M. Glaser

Director

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Robert M. Glaser

/s/ Samuel M. Gullo

Director

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Samuel M. Gullo

/s/ Susan R. Holliday

Director

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Susan R. Holliday

/s/ Robert N. Latella

Director, Chairman

October 25, 2018

Robert N. Latella

/s/ Kim E. VanGelder

Director

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Kim E. VanGelder

/s/ \James H. Wyckoff

Director

October 25, 2018

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