

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 01, 2018

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment 14)\*

Provident Financial Services, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

74386T105  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).



Names of Reporting  
Persons

1 Provident Bank  
Employee Stock Ownership  
Plan Trust  
Check the Appropriate Box  
if a Member of a Group  
(See Instructions)

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(a)

(b)

3 SEC Use Only  
Citizenship or Place of  
Organization

4 New Jersey  
Sole Voting Power

5

Number of 1,980,539  
Shares Shared Voting Power  
Beneficially 6  
Owned by 2,049,694  
Each Sole Dispositive Power  
Reporting 7  
Person 3,816,055  
With: Shared Dispositive Power  
8  
214,178  
Aggregate Amount  
Beneficially Owned by  
9 Each Reporting Person

4,030,233  
Check if the Aggregate  
Amount in Row (9)  
Excludes Certain Shares  
10 (See Instructions)

Percent of Class  
Represented by Amount in  
Row 9

11 6.03% of 66,831,066 shares  
of Common Stock  
outstanding as of December  
31, 2017.

12 Type of Reporting Person  
(See Instructions)

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer

Provident Financial Services, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

239 Washington Street  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing

Provident Bank  
Employee Stock Ownership Plan Trust  
Trustee: GreatBanc Trust Company

(b) Address of Principal Business Office

801 Warrenville Road, Suite 500  
Lisle, Illinois 60532

(c) Citizenship or Place of Organization

See Page 2, Item 4.

(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(e) CUSIP Number

See Page 1.

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b, or (c), check whether the person filing is  
a:

(f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).

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Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned: See Page 2, Item 9.

(b) Percent of class: See Page 2, Item 11.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See Page 2, Item 5.

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See Page 2, Item 6.

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Page 2, Item 7.

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Page 2, Item 8.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The reporting person is an employee benefit plan subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.





SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

PROVIDENT BANK  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP  
PLAN TRUST

Date: January 31, 2018 By: GreatBanc Trust Company, Trustee

/s/ Robert W. Owca

Name: Robert W. Owca

Title: Assistant Vice President

Robert W. Owca not in his/her individual capacity but solely  
as an authorized officer of GreatBanc Trust Company