# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 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) May 16, 2005

**ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.** 

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-17948 (Commission File Number) 94-2838567 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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### 209 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, California 94065-1175

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(650) 628-1500

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On May 12, 2005, at a regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Electronic Arts Inc. (the Company), William J. Byron, age 72, declared his intention to retire. Mr. Byron has served as a Director of the Company since 1989 and his retirement will become effective at the Company s 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which is scheduled for July 28, 2005.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 16, 2005

## ELECTRONIC ARTS INC.

By: /s/ Warren C. Jenson

Warren C. Jenson Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer