

TEXTRON INC
Form 8-K
December 27, 2011

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): **December 22, 2011**

TEXTRON INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of
Incorporation)

1-5480
(Commission File Number)

05-0315468
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

40 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(401) 421-2800**

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 22, 2011, Terrence O. Donnell, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer of Textron Inc. (the Company) notified the Company that he has elected to retire, effective on or about January 31, 2012.

Pursuant to Mr. O. Donnell's employment agreement, his voluntary retirement will not trigger any Company severance payments which are reserved for involuntary separation from the Company. Accordingly, he will receive only the benefits and amounts provided under the terms of his employment agreement and the Company's retirement and compensation plans in which he participates.

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.

TEXTRON INC.
(Registrant)

By:

/s/Elizabeth C. Perkins
Elizabeth C. Perkins
Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

Date: December 27, 2011