# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1933

# **EQUIFAX INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

GEORGIA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 58-04011110 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 (Address of principal executive office)

EQUIFAX INC. 401(K) PLAN F/K/A Equifax Inc. 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan F/K/A Equifax Inc. Employees Thrift Plan (Full title of the plan)

KENT E. MAST Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Equifax Inc. 1550 Peachtree Street, N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 404/885-8000 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share (2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (1)	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$1.25 par value	2,000,000 shares	\$20.01	\$40,020,000.00	\$3,681.84

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee. This amount was calculated pursuant to Rule 457(c) on the basis of \$20.01 per share, which was the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on August 5, 2002.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 416(c) this registration statement shall be deemed to cover any additional securities to be offered or issued from stock splits, stock dividends, reclassification of stock corporate transaction or similar transactions.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Equifax Inc. (the "Company") files this Registration Statement on Form S-8 to reflect an increase in the number of shares of common stock, 1.25 par value (the "Common Stock") authorized under the Equifax Inc., 401K Plan, f/k/a Equifax Inc. 401(k) Retirement and Savings Plan and f/k/a Equifax Inc. Employees Thrift Plan (the "Plan"). The shares authorized under the Plan have been increased by 2,000,000 from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000. The 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock authorized under the Plan are covered by a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-04583), as amended, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference, unless superseded by the exhibits set forth below.

#### EQUIFAX INC.

#### **REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8**

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### ITEM NO.

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The Company has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the qualification of the Plan, as amended, under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, there is currently pending with the IRS an application for a further favorable determination letter with respect to the continued qualification of the Plan as may be amended and restated effective as of July 3, 2001. The Company undertakes that the Plan as amended subsequent to the filing of the currently pending application will be submitted to the IRS in a timely manner and the Company will make changes requested by the IRS that are required to maintain the tax-qualified status of the Plan.

#### 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 City of Atlanta, State of Georgia, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

#### EQUIFAX INC.

By:

/S/ KENT E. MAST

Kent E. Mast, Esq. Corporate Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated below. Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints his true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Thomas F. Chapman	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and Director	August 7, 2002
Thomas F. Chapman	Chief Executive Officer and Director	
/s/ Philip J. Mazzilli	Chief Financial Officer	August 7, 2002
Philip J. Mazzilli		
/s/ Dennis B. Story	Corporate Controller	August 7, 2002
Dennis B. Story		
/s/ Lee A. Ault	Director	August 7, 2002
Lee A. Ault III		
/s/ John L. Clendenin	Director	August 7, 2002
John L. Clendenin		
/s/ A. W. DAHLBERG	Director	August 7, 2002
A. W. Dahlberg		

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Signature		Title	Date
/s/ L. Phillip Humann	Director		August 7, 2002
L. Phillip Humann			
/s/ Steven J. Heyer	Director		August 7, 2002
Steven J. Heyer			
	Director		August 7, 2002
Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.			
/s/ LARRY L. PRINCE	Director		August 7, 2002
Larry L. Prince			
/s/ D. RAYMOND RIDDLE	Director		August 7, 2002
D. Raymond Riddle			
	Director		August 7, 2002
Jacquelyn M. Ward			

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Plan has caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Atlanta, State of Georgia, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

#### EQUIFAX INC. 401(k) Plan F/K/A EQUIFAX INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN F/K/A EQUIFAX INC. EMPLOYEES THRIFT PLAN

By:

/s/ Philip J. Mazzilli

Name: Philip J. Mazzilli Title: Plan Administrator

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#### STATEMENT REGARDING THE ABSENCE OF THE CONSENT OF ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Section 11(a) of the Securities Act provides that if any part of a registration statement at the time it becomes effective contains an untrue statement of material fact or omits a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, any person acquiring a security pursuant to such registration statement (unless it is proved that at the time of such acquisition such person knew of such untruth or omission) may assert a claim against, among others, an accountant who has consented to be named as having certified any part of the registration statement or as having prepared any report for use in connection with the registration statement.

The Company appointed Ernst & Young LLP to replace Arthur Andersen LLP as the independent auditor of Equifax Inc. Prior to the date of this S-8, the Arthur Andersen partners who reviewed the most recent audited financial statements of Equifax Inc. as of December 31, 2001 and for the year then ended have resigned from Arthur Andersen. As a result, after reasonable efforts, the Company has been unable to obtain Arthur Andersen's written consent to the incorporation by reference into this Equifax Inc. filing of its audit report with respect to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as of December 31, 2001 and for the year then ended. Under these circumstances, Rule 437a under the Securities Act permits the Plan to file this Form S-8 without a written consent from Arthur Andersen. Accordingly, Arthur Andersen will not be liable to you under Section 11(a) of the Securities Act because it has not consented to the incorporation by reference of its previously issued report into Equifax Inc.'s filing on this Form S-8 will report sa being made by an expert under the due diligence defense provision of Section 11(b) of the Securities Act.