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**FIRST TRUST EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND IV**

CIK: **1517936** | IRS No.: **000000000** | State of Incorporation: **MA**  
Type: **485BXT** | Act: **33** | File No.: **333-174332** | Film No.: **13524621**

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

FORM N-1A

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933   
Pre-Effective Amendment No. \_\_\_   
Post-Effective Amendment No. 17   
and/or  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940   
Amendment No. 19

FIRST TRUST EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND IV  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (800) 621-1675

W. Scott Jardine, Esq., Secretary  
First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund IV  
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(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

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It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

- Immediately upon filing pursuant to paragraph (b)
- on February 11, 2013 pursuant to paragraph (b)
- 60 days after filing pursuant to paragraph (a)(1)
- on (date) pursuant to paragraph (a)(1)
- 75 days after filing pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)

[ ] on (date) pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of Rule 485

If appropriate, check the following box:

[X] this post-effective amendment designates a new effective date for a previously filed post-effective amendment.

CONTENTS OF POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 17

This Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement comprises the following papers and contents:

The Facing Sheet

The sole purpose of this filing is to delay the effectiveness of the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 6, as it relates to First Trust High Yield Long/Short ETF, a series of the Registrant, until February 11, 2013. Parts A, B and C of the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 6 under the Securities Act of 1933 as it relates to First Trust High Yield Long/Short ETF, a series of the Registrant, filed on October 11, 2012, are incorporated by reference herein.

Signatures

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for effectiveness of this Registration Statement under rule 485(b) under the Securities Act and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, duly authorized, in the City of Wheaton, and State of Illinois, on the 11th day of January, 2013.

FIRST TRUST EXCHANGE-TRADED FUND IV

By: /s/ Mark R. Bradley

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Mark R. Bradley, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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 date indicated:

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
/s/ Mark R. Bradley	President and Chief Executive Officer	January 11, 2013

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Mark R. Bradley

Treasurer, Chief  
Financial Officer  
and Chief Accounting  
Officer

January 11, 2013

/s/ James M. Dykas  
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James M. Dykas

James A. Bowen\*

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Trustee )

Richard E. Erickson\*

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Trustee )

Thomas R. Kadlec\*

)  
Trustee )

BY: /s/ W. Scott Jardine  
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Robert F. Keith\*

)  
Trustee )

W. Scott Jardine  
Attorney-In-Fact  
January 11, 2013

Niel B. Nielson\*

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Trustee )  
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\* Original powers of attorney authorizing James A. Bowen, W. Scott Jardine and Eric F. Fess, to execute Registrant's Registration Statement, and Amendments thereto, for each of the trustees of the Registrant on whose behalf this Registration Statement is filed, were previously executed, filed as an exhibit and are incorporated by reference herein.