

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GIBSON LEE R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/30/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 11/30/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 1,936 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/30/2005 | | M ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 3,186 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/30/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 1,936 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 111 | I | Self Cust./Daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | 82 | I | Self Cust./Son |

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Common Stock 6,957.23 I by ESOP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.71 | 11/30/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,936 | ⁽³⁾ 06/05/2007 | | Common Stock | 1,936 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | 11/30/2005 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 1,250 | ⁽⁴⁾ 08/31/2010 | | Common Stock | 1,250 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.27 | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ 06/10/2009 | | Common Stock | 21,000 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.49 | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ 10/15/2008 | | Common Stock | 3,940 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ 08/31/2010 | | Common Stock | 3,440 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.27 | | | | | ⁽⁸⁾ 06/10/2009 | | Common Stock | 640 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GIBSON LEE R
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
TYLER, TX 75701

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Lee R. Gibson 11/30/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Mr. Gibson exercised 1,936 options shares to purchase and hold shares on 11-30-05 issued on 6-5-97, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Mr. Gibson exercised 1,250 option shares in a cashless transaction on 11-30-05 issued 8-31-2000, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (6) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (8) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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