

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carter Tim (Last) (First) (Middle)  1201 S BECKHAM AVE (Street)  TYLER, TX 75701 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2015	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) REGIONAL PRESIDENT, NORTH TX	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	38,822	D	^
Common Stock	3,299.5804	I	401K Plan
Common Stock	7,628.2859	I	ESOP
Common Stock	6,041	I	IRA
Common Stock	601	I	Trust

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option / (Right to Buy)	01/08/2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/09/2025	Common Stock	2,104	\$ 26.73	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Other
Carter Tim 1201 S BECKHAM AVE TYLER, TX 75701	Â	Â	Â	REGIONAL PRESIDENT, NORTH TX	Â

## Signatures

TIMOTHY H. CARTER 02/27/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options vest in four equal annual installments on each of January 8, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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