

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2008

TYLER, TX 75701
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	05/06/2008		M		500	A	\$ 5.61 3,811	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		S		500	D	\$ 24.14 3,311	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		M		500	A	\$ 5.61 3,811	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		S		500	D	\$ 24.15 3,311	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008		M		500	A	\$ 5.61 3,811	D	

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Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	500	D	\$ 24.19	3,311	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008	M	100	A	\$ 5.61	3,411	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	100	D	\$ 24.22	3,311	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008	M	400	A	\$ 5.61	3,711	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	400	D	\$ 24.23	3,311	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008	M	500	A	\$ 5.61	3,811	D	
Common Stock	05/06/2008	S	500	D	\$ 24.25	3,311	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2008	<u>I</u> ⁽¹⁾	597.43	A	\$ 7.01	8,636.31	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)	\$ 5.61	05/06/2008		M	500	10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾	10/15/2008	Common Stock	500
Incentive Stock	\$ 5.61	05/06/2008		M	500	10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾	10/15/2008	Common Stock	500

Option
(right to
buy)

Incentive
Stock

Option	\$ 5.61	05/06/2008	M	500	10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾	10/15/2008	Common Stock	500
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Incentive
Stock

Option	\$ 5.61	05/06/2008	M	100	10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾	10/15/2008	Common Stock	100
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Incentive
Stock

Option	\$ 5.61	05/06/2008	M	400	10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾	10/15/2008	Common Stock	400
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Incentive
Stock

Option	\$ 5.61	05/06/2008	M	500	10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾	10/15/2008	Common Stock	500
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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	05/06/2008
**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) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-07
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.

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