

Hester Kevin
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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 *
Hester Kevin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HOME BANCSHARES INC
[HOMB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
P.O. BOX 966
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/06/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Lending Officer

CONWAY, AR 72033

(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 or Price (A) or (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | | M | | 2,431 A \$ 6.17 | 8,127 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2011 | | S | | 2,431 D \$ 25 | 5,696 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,782 | I Held by IRA |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,186.618 ⁽⁷⁾ | I By 401(k) |
| Common Stock - Restricted | | | | | | 4,021 ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ | D |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option | \$ 6.17 | 12/06/2011 | | M | 2,431 | (3) (4) | Common Stock | 2,431 |
| Stock Option | \$ 7.85 | | | | | (1) (2) | Common Stock | 2,430 |
| Performance Stock Option | \$ 11.09 | | | | | 01/01/2010 03/13/2016 | Common Stock | 7,603 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|--|
| Hester Kevin P.O. BOX 966 CONWAY, AR 72033 | Director 10% Owner Officer Chief Lending Officer Other |

Signatures

/s/Kevin Hester by Rachel Wesson 12/08/2011

__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) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on December 31, 2002.
- (2)

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The option expires 10 years from the exercisable date, therefore the first installment became exercisable on December 31, 2002 and expires on December 31, 2012.

- (3) The option is exercisable in five equal annual installments. The first installment became exercisable on December 31, 1999.
- (4) The option expires 10 years from the exercisable date, therefore the first installment became exercisable on December 31, 1999 and would have expired on December 31, 2009.
- (5) Restricted Stock granted on February 2, 2011 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each February 2nd.
- (6) Restricted Stock granted on January 22, 2010 will vest in 33 1/3% installments over three years each January 22nd.
- (7) Includes 9,548 shares acquired through the Home BancShares, Inc. 401(k) Plan since the last filing.

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