

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**01/02/2009**

**TYLER, TX 75701**

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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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/19/2009		M			900	A	\$ 5.42	1,461	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009		S			900	D	\$ 16.85	561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009		M			100	A	\$ 5.42	661	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009		S			100	D	\$ 16.86	561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009		M			100	A	\$ 5.42	661	D	

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Common Stock	02/19/2009	S	100	D	\$ 16.68	561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	M	300	A	\$ 5.42	861	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	S	300	D	\$ 16.71	561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	M	200	A	\$ 5.42	761	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	S	200	D	\$ 16.73	561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	M	2,400	A	\$ 5.42	2,961	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	S	2,400	D	\$ 16.7	561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	M	1,000	A	\$ 5.42	1,561	D	
Common Stock	02/19/2009	S	1,000	D	\$ 16.35	561	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2009	I <sup>(1)</sup>	872.32	A	\$ 10.14	9,508.63	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009		M	900	<u>(2)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	900

(right to buy)

Incentive Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009	M	100	<u>(2)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	100
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Incentive Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009	M	100	<u>(2)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	100
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Incentive Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009	M	300	<u>(2)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	300
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Incentive Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009	M	200	<u>(2)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	200
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Incentive Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009	M	2,400	<u>(2)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	2,400
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Incentive Stock

Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	02/19/2009	M	1,000	<u>(2)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	1,000
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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                      02/19/2009

          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 12-31-2008

(2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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