

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
DAWSON CHARLES E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM

(Street)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/21/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Director, President & Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 | | |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2009 | | M | | 5,000 A \$ 4.76 | 76,046 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2009 | | S | | 440 D \$ 23.65 | 75,606 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2009 | | S | | 560 D \$ 23.61 | 75,046 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2009 | | S | | 411 D \$ 23.51 | 74,635 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2009 | | S | | 2,513 D \$ 23.5 | 72,122 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| Common Stock | 08/21/2009 | S | 1,076 | D | \$ 23.45 | 71,046 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 13,561 | I | SSB Tr/self Emp S/P |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 10,361.65 | I | by ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,617 | I | by Spouse |

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 (right to buy) | \$ 4.76 | 08/21/2009 | | M | 5,000 | ⁽¹⁾ 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701 | X | | Director, President & Secy. | |

Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)
Dawson 08/21/2009

 Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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