

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM INC

Form S-8

June 25, 2003

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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 25, 2003

Registration No. 333-_____

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM, INC.
(Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter)

Montana
(State or other Jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

81-0331430
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

400 North 31st Street, Billings, Montana 59116
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM, INC. 2001 STOCK OPTION PLAN
(Full title of plan)

Terrill R. Moore
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
FIRST INTERSTATE BANCSYSTEM, INC.
401 North 31st Street
Billings, Montana 59116
(Name and address of agent for service)

(406) 255-5390
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share(2)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock (no par value)	750,000	\$ 46.00	\$ 34,500,000	\$ 2,791.05

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, no par value, which are issued or become issuable under the First Interstate

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BancSystem, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan, pursuant to stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act, based upon the latest appraised value of \$46.00 per share as of December 31, 2002, for 750,000 shares reserved for issuance under the First Interstate BancSystem, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan.
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed pursuant to General Instruction E for Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), to register 750,000 additional shares of the registrant's common stock available for issuance pursuant to the First Interstate BancSystem, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan, as amended. This Registration Statement incorporates by reference the contents of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Commission File No. 333-69490), and all exhibits thereto, which was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 17, 2001.

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4.12	2001 Stock Option Plan of the Registrant, as amended
5	Opinion of Holland & Hart LLP, as to the legality of securities being registered.
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Certified Public Accountants
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Certified Public Accountants
23.3	Consent of Holland & Hart LLP (contained in Exhibit 5)
24	Power of Attorney (included on page 3 of this Registration Statement)

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, No. 333-76825.

SIGNATURES

1. REGISTRANT

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Billings, State of Montana, on June 24, 2003.

First Interstate BancSystem, Inc.

By: /s/ LYLE R. KNIGHT

Lyle R. Knight
President and Chief Operating Officer

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/s/ ROBERT L. NANCE Director

Robert L. Nance

/s/ JULIE A. SCOTT Director

Julie A. Scott

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SIGNATURE	TITLE
_____ Elouise C. Cobell	Director
_____ Richard A. Dorn	Director
_____ Michael J. Sullivan	Director
_____ /s/ WILLIAM B. EBZERY	Director
_____ William B. Ebzery	
_____ David H. Crum	Director
_____ /s/ TERRILL R. MOORE	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
_____ Terrill R. Moore	

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