

SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 10, 2008

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT**  
**TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) October 16, 2007

**Southern First Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

South Carolina

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27719

(Commission File Number)

58-2459561

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Verdae Boulevard, Suite 100, Greenville, SC

(Address of principal executive offices)

29606

(Zip Code)

(864) 679-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**ITEM 5.03 AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS**

On October 16, 2007, the board of directors of Southern First Bancshares, Inc., the holding company for Southern First Bank, N.A., voted to amend and restate the bylaws to change Article 7, Section 5 in order to comply with the NASDAQ's rules that require NASDAQ-listed companies to be able to issue uncertificated shares so that they can be eligible to participate in a direct registration program.

The amended and restated bylaws are attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 3.1

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits: The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Exhibit

Number                      Description

3.1      Amended and Restated Bylaws of Southern First Bancshares, Inc. as of October 16, 2007

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SOUTHERN FIRST BANCSHARES, INC.**

Dated: January 10, 2008

By: /s/ James M. Austin, III  
Name: James M. Austin, III  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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