

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/30/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

TYLER, TX 75701

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,000 | A \$ 5.51 | 4,346 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2006 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,000 | D \$ 19.62 | 3,346 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 1,500 | A \$ 5.51 | 4,846 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 117 | I Self Cust./Daughter |
| | | | | | | 87 | I Self Cust./Son |

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Common
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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.51 | 05/30/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 1,000 | ⁽³⁾ 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.51 | 05/30/2006 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 1,500 | ⁽³⁾ 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.97 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 22,100 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.18 | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ 10/15/2008 | Common Stock | 4,140 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.51 | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 3,610 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.97 | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 650 |

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 05/30/2006

__Signature of Date
Reporting 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) Mr. Gibson exercised 1,000 option shares in a cashless transaction on 5-30-06 issued 8-31-00, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Mr. Gibson exercised 1,500 option shares to purchase and hold shares on 5-30-06 issued on 8-31-00, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (4) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (6) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (7) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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