

SB FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
Form SC 13G  
February 18, 2016

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

SB Financial Group, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, without par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

78408 D 105

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2015

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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<sup>1</sup> Names of Reporting Persons  
<sup>1</sup> I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

The State Bank and Trust Company

<sup>2</sup> Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a)  
(b)

<sup>3</sup> SEC Use Only

Citizenship or Place of Organization

<sup>4</sup>

Ohio

Sole Voting Power

5

22,520

Shared Voting Power

6

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With -0-

Sole Dispositive Power

7

-0-

Shared Dispositive Power

8

457,647

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

457,647

10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

9.36% based on 4.90 million

12 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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SB Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

SB Financial Group, Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

401 Clinton Street

Defiance, Ohio 43512

Item 2(a). Names of Persons Filing:

The State Bank and Trust Company

SB Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

The State Bank and Trust Company

401 Clinton Street

Defiance, Ohio 43512

SB Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

The State Bank and Trust Company, Trustee

401 Clinton Street

Defiance, Ohio 43512

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

The State Bank and Trust Company -

Organized under the laws of Ohio

SB Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan -

Organized under the laws of Ohio

Item 2(d). Title and Class of Securities:

Common Shares, without par value

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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**Item 3.** If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership:

The State Bank and Trust Company

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:  
457,647
- (b) Percent of class:  
9.36%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

22,520

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

-0-

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

-0-

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

457,647

SB Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

457,647

(b) Percent of class:

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At December 31, 2015, there were 480,167 common shares owned by the SB Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan"). The State Bank and Trust Company is the trustee of the Plan. Under the terms of the Plan, the trustee votes all of the shares allocated to the accounts of participants as directed by the participants to whose accounts such shares have been allocated. With respect to unallocated shares, the Plan provides that the Trustee shall vote such shares in the Trustee's discretion. As of December 31, 2015, 457,647 of the shares held by the Plan have been allocated to Plan participants.

The trustee has limited power to dispose of Plan shares, as set forth in the Plan, such as in order to pay Plan participants. The trustee is directed by the Plan to invest primarily in shares of SB Financial Group, Inc.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

THE STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Date: February 18, 2016 By: /s/ Anthony V. Cosentino  
Anthony V. Cosentino, Chief Financial Officer

SB FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

By: The State Bank and Trust Company, Trustee

Date: February 18, 2016 By: /s/ Anthony V. Cosentino  
Anthony V. Cosentino, Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT A**

**AGREEMENT FOR JOINT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13G**

The undersigned hereby agree that the Schedule 13G being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to report their beneficial ownership of more than 5% of the common shares of SB Financial Group, Inc., an Ohio corporation, shall be, and is, filed on behalf of each of the undersigned.

THE STATE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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