

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 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 \*  
 SHAMBURGER JULIE

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)  
 09/12/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr Vice President & Controller

TYLER, TX 75701  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	09/12/2008		M	A	340	\$ 5.42	11,512 D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		M	A	660	\$ 5.42	12,172 D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		M	A	308	\$ 5.42	12,480 D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	D	340	\$ 24.19	12,140 D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	D	968	\$ 24.22	11,172 D

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Common Stock				17	I	Self Cust./Daughter
Common Stock				17	I	Self Cust./Son ML
Common Stock				17	I	Self Cust/Son DK
Common Stock				1,610.12	I	by ESOP

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. Pr Deri Secu (Instr.	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	09/12/2008		M	340	<u>(1)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	340
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	09/12/2008		M	660	<u>(1)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	660
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	09/12/2008		M	308	<u>(1)</u>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	308

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHAMBURGER JULIE SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701			Sr Vice President & Controller	

## Signatures

Julie  
Shamburger                      09/12/2008

\*\*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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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