HOME BANCSHARES INC Form 8-K October 20, 2008

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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 17, 2008 Home BancShares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Arkansas

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-51904 (Commission File Number) 71-0682831

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

719 Harkrider, Suite 100, Conway, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

72032 (Zip Code)

(501) 328-4770

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

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At its October 17, 2008 meeting, the Board of Directors of Home BancShares, Inc., pursuant to a recommendation by the Compensation Committee, granted John W. Allison, Chairman and CEO, an annual base salary of \$275,000 beginning on November 1, 2008. Also, they made him eligible for an annual discretionary cash bonus. Any cash bonus will be based upon the goals of the Company including shareholder return, earnings per share and other criteria. Mr. Allison has never received any salary prior to this time. The committee felt as a result of the leadership Mr. Allison has provided for the past 10 years, he should be compensated for his services.

Mr. Allison serves on the board of directors of each of the Company s subsidiary banks. As a member of the board of directors of each subsidiary bank, he will continue to receive a fee for his service to these boards.

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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.

Home BancShares, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: October 17, 2008 /s/ Randy Mayor

Randy Mayor

Chief Financial Officer