

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
Form NT 10-Q  
August 16, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One):

- Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  Form 10-D  
 Form N-SAR  Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: June 30, 2011

- Transition Report on Form 10-K  
 Transition Report on Form 20-K  
 Transition Report on Form 11-K  
 Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
 Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended:

Read instruction (on back page) before preparing form. Please print or type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the item(s) to which the notification relates: \_\_\_\_\_

PART I  
REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Full name of registrant The First Bancshares, Inc.

Former name if applicable

Address of principal executive office (Street and number) 6480 U.S. Highway 98 West

City, state and zip code Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39042

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PART II  
RULE 12b-25 (b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate.)

- ý (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- ý (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, Form N-SAR, or Form N-CSR or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- .. (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III  
NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Form 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

Corrections to the Form 10-Q sent by the Issuer earlier in the day to the company handling the Form 10-Q EDGAR filing were improperly made in a proof received by the Issuer at 4:18 CDT. A decision was made by the Issuer that it would be inappropriate to file the Form 10-Q without these errors being corrected. An accurate proof was not received by the Issuer until 4:46 CDT after the filing deadline.

PART IV  
OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

|               |             |                    |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| DeeDee Lowery | (601)       | 268-8998           |
| (Name)        | (Area Code) | (Telephone Number) |

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If the answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so: attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

The First Bancshares, Inc.  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 16, 2011

By: /s/ DeeDee Lowery  
DeeDee Lowery, Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Instruction. The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

