

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)  
**1201 S BECKHAM AVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/19/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**SR EVP & CFO**

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/19/2012		G	527 D	15,507.7706	D	
Common Stock					12,398.78	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)

Table with columns: 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5), 10. Derivative Security Underlying the Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4), 11. Date Derivative Security Underlying the Derivative Security Expires (Instr. 4), 12. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 13. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 5), 14. Derivative Security Underlying the Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4), 15. Date Derivative Security Underlying the Derivative Security Expires (Instr. 4), 16. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 17. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 5), 18. Derivative Security Underlying the Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4), 19. Date Derivative Security Underlying the Derivative Security Expires (Instr. 4), 20. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 21. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 5).

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: GIBSON LEE R, 1201 S BECKHAM AVE, TYLER, TX 75701, SR EVP & CFO.

Signatures

Lee R Gibson, 12/19/2012, Signature of Reporting Person, Date

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) The Southside Bancshares, Inc. NASDAQ closing price for 12-19-2012 was \$21.33.

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