

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/20/2006

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/20/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	A	500	\$ 6.18	7,286 D
Common Stock	01/03/2006		I <sup>(2)</sup>	A	97.28	\$ 6.45	1,393.5 I by ESOP
Common Stock						15	I Self Cust./Daughter
Common Stock						15	I Self Cust./Son ML
Common Stock						15	I Self Cust/Son DK

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.18	12/20/2006		M <sup>(1)</sup>	500	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/15/2008	Common Stock	500
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.51					<sup>(4)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	2,302
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.97					<sup>(5)</sup> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	2,367

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Julie  
Shamburger 12/20/2006

\_\_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) Julie Shamburger exercised 500 option shares and plans to hold on 12-20-06 issued 10-15-98, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-05.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.

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