

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

May 19, 2009

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GIBSON LEE R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM**

(Street)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol

**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
[SBSI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	05/15/2009		M		526	\$ 5.16	1,116 D
Common Stock	05/15/2009		M		85	\$ 5.16	1,201 D
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		111	\$ 21.77	1,090 D
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		300	\$ 21.93	790 D
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		200	\$ 21.95	590 D

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Common Stock 9,508.63 I by ESOP

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.16	05/15/2009		M	526	<u>(1)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock 526
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.16	05/15/2009		M	85	<u>(2)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock 85

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
GIBSON LEE R SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Executive Vice President

Signatures

Lee R. Gibson 05/19/2009
 **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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

(2) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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