

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/02/2009

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

TYLER, TX 75701

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 04/22/2009 | | M | A | 2,538 | \$ 5 | 12,210 D |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | | S | D | 49 | \$ 20.69 | 12,161 D |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | | S | D | 100 | \$ 21.49 | 12,061 D |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | | S | D | 200 | \$ 21.5 | 11,861 D |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | | S | D | 100 | \$ 21.56 | 11,761 D |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|----------|----------|---|---------------------|
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 21.61 | 11,661 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 50 | D | \$ 21.79 | 11,611 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 500 | D | \$ 21.86 | 11,111 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 21.87 | 11,011 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 600 | D | \$ 21.88 | 10,411 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 50 | D | \$ 21.93 | 10,361 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 21.95 | 10,261 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 21.96 | 10,161 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 21.98 | 10,061 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 100 | D | \$ 22 | 9,961 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/22/2009 | S | 289 | D | \$ 22.08 | 9,672 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2009 | I ⁽¹⁾ | 231.09 | A | \$ 12.86 | 1,841.21 | I | by ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 17 | I | Self Cust./Daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 17 | I | Self Cust./Son ML |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 17 | I | Self Cust./Son DK |

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 | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D Se (In |
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| Derivative Security | | | (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---------------------------------------|------|------------|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | | | | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5 | 04/22/2009 | M | 2,538 | (2) | 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 2,538 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Julie Shamburger 04/22/2009
 **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) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-2008
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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