

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 \*  
 STORY JERYL W

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)  
  
 (Street)  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/14/2005  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President  
 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) |                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2005                           |  | G                              | 1,029   | D   | 47,373   | D                                 |                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 67   | I                                 | Joint with Wife |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 7,701.46   | 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)

| 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)      | \$ 5.71  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u>   | 06/05/2007  | Common Stock | 17,071                     |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 5.79  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   | 08/31/2010  | Common Stock | 30,064                     |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 6.27  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | 06/10/2009  | Common Stock | 21,046                     |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 6.49  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u>   | 10/15/2008  | Common Stock | 3,943                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 5.79  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u>   | 08/31/2010  | Common Stock | 3,442                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 6.27  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(7)</u>   | 06/10/2009  | Common Stock | 64                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| STORY JERYL W                  |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

Jeryl Story

12/14/2005

\*\*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) Bloomberg VWAP closed at \$20.2813 per share the date of this gift, 12-14-05.

(2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.

(3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

(4) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.

(5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.

(6) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.

(7) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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