

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 \*  
DAWSON CHARLES E

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)  
Director, President & Secy.

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

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

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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/25/2009		M			4,537	A	\$ 5.42	68,594	D	
Common Stock	03/25/2009		M			402	A	\$ 5.42	68,996	D	
Common Stock	03/25/2009		F			1,334	D	\$ 20.05	67,662	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2009		I <sup>(1)</sup>			939.47	A	\$ 10.02	10,361.65	I	by ESOP
Common Stock									12,914.43	I	SSB Tr/self

Common Stock	2,492	I	Emp S/P by Spouse
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	03/25/2009		M	4,537	<u>(2)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	4,537
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.42	03/25/2009		M	402	<u>(2)</u> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	402

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, President & Secy.	

## Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)  
Dawson

03/25/2009

\*\*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) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2004.

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