

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
 Earl W Clawater III

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)
 1201 S BECKHAM AVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/03/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP & CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/03/2015 | | J | | 3 A (1) 4,326 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/03/2015 | | J | | 9 A (2) 4,335 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/03/2015 | | J | | 13 A (3) 4,348 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/03/2015 | | J | | 9.943 A (4) 1,157.2687 | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Earl W Clawater III 1201 S BECKHAM AVE TYLER, TX 75701 | | | EVP & CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER | |

Signatures

EARL W.
CLAWATER III 12/04/2015

**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) Reflects restricted stock units (RSUs) 2012 grant received pursuant to dividend equivalent rights attached to RSUs held by the reporting person.
- (2) Reflects restricted stock units (RSUs) 2013 grant received pursuant to dividend equivalent rights attached to RSUs held by the reporting person.
- (3) Reflects restricted stock units (RSUs) 2015 grant received pursuant to dividend equivalent rights attached to RSUs held by the reporting person.
- (4) Amount includes allocation of shares received in connection with reinvestment of quarterly cash dividend. And allocation of fractional shares that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.

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