

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC
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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 *
HARTLEY BG

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 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Director, COB and CEO

TYLER, TX 75701
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	05/23/2007		M		20,529 A \$ 5.18	158,036	D
Common Stock	05/23/2007		M		4,349 A \$ 5.89	162,385	D
Common Stock	05/23/2007		F		4,932 D \$ 21.56	157,453	D
Common Stock	05/23/2007		F		1,188 D \$ 21.56	156,265	D
Common Stock	01/02/2007		I ⁽¹⁾		197.57 A \$ 6.5	2,816.51	I By ESOP for Spouse

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Common Stock	03/30/2007	J ⁽²⁾	85.067	A	\$ 22.67	18,497.58	I	By Spouse/Sep. Prop.
Common Stock	01/02/2007	I ⁽¹⁾	1,119.49	A	\$ 6.5	15,964.34	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.18	05/23/2007		M ⁽³⁾	20,529	⁽³⁾ 06/05/2007	Common Stock	20,529	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.25					⁽⁵⁾ 08/31/2010	Common Stock	43,333	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.69					⁽⁶⁾ 06/10/2009	Common Stock	22,222	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.89	05/23/2007		M ⁽⁴⁾	4,349	⁽⁴⁾ 10/15/2008	Common Stock	4,349	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.25					⁽⁷⁾ 08/31/2010	Common Stock	8,400	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.69					⁽⁸⁾ 06/10/2009	Common Stock	38,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTLEY BG 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X			Director, COB and CEO

Signatures

B.G. Hartley 05/25/2007

__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 12/31/2006.
- (2) Shares acquired pursuant to Southside Bancshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 6/05/1997
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/1998.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 8/31/2005.
- (6) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 6/10/2004.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 8/31/2005.
- (8) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 6/10/2004.

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