

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 425

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 2, 2017

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Texas

0-12247

75-1848732

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1201 S. Beckham Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75701
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (903) 531-7111

NA

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the
appropriate box
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is intended to
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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

ITEM 8.01 Other Events

On November 2, 2017, Southside Bancshares, Inc. (“Southside”) issued a press release announcing the declaration of fourth quarter and special cash dividends and also that it had received all regulatory approvals required to complete its merger with Diboll State Bancshares, Inc. Southside currently expects to complete the merger on or about November 30, 2017, subject to customary closing conditions.

The press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 99.1 | <u>Press release dated November 2, 2017</u> |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

Date: November 3, 2017 By: /s/ JULIE N. SHAMBURGER

Julie N. Shamburger

Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)