

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM  
 (Street)  
 TYLER, TX 75701  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/21/2005  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Director, President & Secy.  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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                    | 12/21/2005                           |  | G                              | 350 D \$ 24,643   |   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/16/2005                           |  | J(2)                           | 11.48 A \$ 19.29  | 2,024.4   | I  | by Spouse                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 11,155.42   | I  | SSB Tr/self Emp S/P               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,590.56  | I  | by ESOP                           |

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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 |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 4.61  |                                      |  |                                |   | (3) 02/07/2006   | Common Stock  | 21,384                     |                            |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 5.71  |                                      |  |                                |   | (4) 06/05/2007   | Common Stock  | 18,620                     |                            |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 5.79  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) 08/31/2010   | Common Stock  | 29,758                     |                            |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 6.27  |                                      |  |                                |   | (6) 06/10/2009   | Common Stock  | 20,764                     |                            |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 6.49  |                                      |  |                                |   | (7) 10/15/2008   | Common Stock  | 3,943                      |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 5.79  |                                      |  |                                |   | (8) 08/31/2010   | Common Stock  | 3,748                      |                            |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 6.27  |                                      |  |                                |   | (9) 06/10/2009   | Common Stock  | 346                        |                            |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)  
Dawson 12/22/2005

\*\*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 \$20.5600 per share the date of this gift, 12-21-05.
- (2) Shares acquired pursuant to Southside Bancshares, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (6) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (7) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (8) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (9) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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