

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INC/MD  
Form 8-K  
September 23, 2009

**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) September 23, 2009**

**HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-34073

31-0724920

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

Huntington Center  
41 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio

43287

(Address of principal executive  
Office)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (614) 480-8300

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

The Opinion and Consent of Venable LLP as to the validity of the shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated offered pursuant to the Prospectus Supplement dated September 18, 2009 are each filed herewith and are each incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-156700).

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 5.1	Opinion of Venable LLP, regarding validity of the securities to be issued.
Exhibit 23.1	Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

**SIGNATURES**

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

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES  
INCORPORATED

Date: September 23, 2009

By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap  
Name: Richard A. Cheap  
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

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