

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 *
 EDMONSON ROBBIE N

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/16/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Director, Vice Chairman

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES
 INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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	11/16/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	7,584 A \$ 4.61	57,201	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2005		M ⁽²⁾	10,000 A \$ 4.61	67,201	D	
Common Stock	11/16/2005		S ⁽¹⁾	7,584 D \$ 20 ⁽¹⁾	59,617	D	
Common Stock					10,293.33	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61	11/16/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	7,584	⁽³⁾ 02/07/2006	Common Stock	7,584
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61	11/16/2005		M ⁽²⁾	10,000	⁽³⁾ 02/07/2006	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EDMONSON ROBBIE N SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Robbie N. Edmonson 11/16/2005

**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) Mr. Edmonson exercised 7,584 options shares in a cashless transaction on 11-16-05 issued 2-7-96, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Mr. Edmonson exercised 10,000 options to purchase and hold shares on 11-16-05 issued on 2-7-96, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.

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