

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GIBSON LEE R**

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)  
**05/24/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President**

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/24/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,450	A	\$ 5.25
Common Stock	05/24/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>		50	A	\$ 5.25
Common Stock	05/24/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,450	D	\$ 21.51
Common Stock	05/24/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>		50	D	\$ 21.51
Common Stock							123
						I	Self Cust./Daughter

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Common Stock						92	I	Self Cust./Son	
Common Stock	05/24/2007		I <sup>(3)</sup>	536.85	A	\$ 6.5	8,038.88	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	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.25	05/24/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,450	<sup>(2)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	1,450
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.25	05/24/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	50	<sup>(2)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	50
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.69					<sup>(4)</sup> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	23,200
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.89					<sup>(5)</sup> 10/15/2008	Common Stock	4,340
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.25					<sup>(6)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	3,790
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.69					<sup>(7)</sup> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBSON LEE R 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Lee R. Gibson                      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) Mr. Gibson exercised 1,500 option shares in a cashless transaction on 5-24-07 issued 8-31-00, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 8/31/2005.
- (3) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12/31/2006.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 6/10/2004.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (6) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 8/31/2005.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 6/10/2004.

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