

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
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**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 \*  
**HARTLEY BG**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Director, COB & CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/24/2005**

**TYLER, TX 75701**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/24/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	V 14,406 A	\$ 3.52 105,620	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		I <sup>(2)</sup>	V 50.1 A	\$ 5.77 2,437.36	I	By ESOP for Spouse
Common Stock	01/03/2005		I <sup>(2)</sup>	V 279.11 A	\$ 5.66 13,818.75	I	by ESOP
Common Stock					15,999.07	I	By Spouse/Sep. Prop.

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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 Security (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)	\$ 3.52	03/24/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	14,406	<sup>(3)</sup>	06/22/2005	Common Stock	14,406
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61					<sup>(4)</sup>	02/07/2006	Common Stock	32,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.71					<sup>(5)</sup>	06/05/2007	Common Stock	18,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					<sup>(6)</sup>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	39,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					<sup>(7)</sup>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	20,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					<sup>(8)</sup>	10/15/2008	Common Stock	3,900
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					<sup>(9)</sup>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	7,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					<sup>(10)</sup>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	34,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTLEY BG SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, COB & CEO	

## Signatures

B. G. Hartley                      03/24/2005

          Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) B. G. Hartley exercised all of his options to purchase and hold 14,406 shares on 3-24-05. These option shares would come from the option shares issued June 22, 1995 under the 1993 Stock Option Plan.
- (2) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-04.
- (3) Options were fully vested on June 22, 2000.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (6) Options vest 20% per year and currently 60% are fully exercisable.
- (7) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (8) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (9) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/2002.
- (10) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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