

BEST CRAIG W  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BEST CRAIG W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PEOPLES FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP. [PFIS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2018

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

C/O PEOPLES SECURITY BANK & TRUST CO., 150 N WASHINGTON AVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

SCRANTON, PA 18503

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2018                           | ^                                                  | J                              | 119.1233 A                                                        | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                        | I                                                        | PSBT Employee Stock Ownership Plan                    |
| Common Stock                    | ^                                    | ^                                                  | ^                              | ^                                                                 | 440.783 <sup>(2)</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>                                                      | D                                                        | ^                                                     |
|                                 | ^                                    | ^                                                  | ^                              | ^                                                                 | 17,226                                                                                     | I                                                        | IRA                                                   |



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- \* 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) Represents an allocation of shares under the Issuer's Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
- (2) Balance includes adjustment of 370 shares which is 1 of 3 equal tranches that vested on 3/13/2018 from Restricted Stock Award, Granted 3/13/2017.
- (3) Balance also includes adjustment for an aggregate of 47.195 shares acquired by the reporting person through dividend reinvestment under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Balance includes an adjustment of 370 shares that vested on 3/13/2018. The remaining shares will vest in 2 equal tranches beginning March 13, 2019.
- (5) Shares vest in 3 equal tranches beginning April 11, 2019.

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