

McRae Eric S
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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 *
 McRae Eric S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS
 BANCSHARES INC [FMBH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 266 COBB AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/11/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

DECATUR, IL 62522
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/05/2009 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 11.555 A \$ 23 1,410.37 | | I | By 401K |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Series B 9% Non-cumulative perpetual convertible preferred | (2) | 02/11/2009 | | P | 9 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | (2) |
| Series B 9% Non-cumulative perpetual convertible preferred | (2) | 02/11/2009 | | P | 6 | (2) (2) | Common Stock | (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McRae Eric S 266 COBB AVENUE DECATUR, IL 62522 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed 12/18/08. 02/12/2009

**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) Shares acquired through the Company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends being paid on shares of common stock held. Each share of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (i) is convertible at any time into 227 shares of common stock and cash in lieu of
- (2) any fractional share of common stock, subject to certain adjustments, (ii) is convertible at First Mid-Illinois Bancshares' option under certain circumstances, and (iii) has no expiration date.

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