

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**DAWSON CHARLES E**

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)  
**SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/27/2009**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Director, President & Secy.

**TYLER, TX 75701**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/27/2009		M	5,000	A \$ 4.76	76,046	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009		S	186	D \$ 21.77	75,860	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009		S	200	D \$ 21.78	75,660	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009		S	200	D \$ 21.8	75,460	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009		S	100	D \$ 21.81	75,360	D

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Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 21.87	75,260	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	200	D	\$ 21.89	75,060	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 21.97	74,960	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	586	D	\$ 22	74,374	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	300	D	\$ 22.01	74,074	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 22.03	73,974	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 22.06	73,874	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	300	D	\$ 22.07	73,574	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	83	D	\$ 22.08	73,491	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	186	D	\$ 22.11	73,305	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 22.16	73,205	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	600	D	\$ 22.17	72,605	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	200	D	\$ 22.18	72,405	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	231	D	\$ 22.19	72,174	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 22.2	72,074	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	100	D	\$ 22.21	71,974	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	14	D	\$ 22.22	71,960	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	400	D	\$ 22.24	71,560	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	214	D	\$ 22.3	71,346	D
Common Stock	05/27/2009	S	200	D	\$ 22.37	71,146	D
	05/27/2009	S	100	D		71,046	D

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Common Stock		\$				
		22.38				
Common Stock			13,561	I		SSB Tr/self Emp S/P
Common Stock			10,361.65	I		by ESOP
Common Stock			2,617	I		by Spouse

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)	8. De	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.76	05/27/2009		M	5,000	(1)	08/31/2010	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Director, President & Secy.	

## Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)  
Dawson 05/27/2009

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) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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