

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/01/2010**

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

**TYLER, TX 75701**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/24/2010		M			7,549	A \$ 4.76	8,139	D
Common Stock	02/24/2010		M			4,184	A \$ 4.76	12,323	D
Common Stock	02/24/2010		S			2,298	D \$ 20.09	10,025	D
Common Stock	02/24/2010		S			2,035	D \$ 20.08	7,990	D
Common Stock	02/24/2010		S			200	D \$ 20.02	7,790	D

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Common Stock	02/24/2010	S	3,200	D	\$ 20.01	4,590	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2010	S	400	D	\$ 20	4,190	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2010	S	100	D	\$ 19.96	4,090	D	
Common Stock	02/24/2010	S	3,500	D	\$ 19.95	590	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2010	I <sup>(1)</sup>	658.54	A	\$ 5.58	10,167.17	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)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.76	02/24/2010		M	7,549	08/31/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock 7
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.76	02/24/2010		M	4,184	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock 4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBSON LEE R SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC			Executive Vice President	

1201 SOUTH BECKHAM  
TYLER, TX 75701

## Signatures

Lee R. Gibson

02/24/2010

\_\_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) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-2009
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (3) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.

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