

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 \*  
 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)  
 05/18/2005

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)  
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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 or Price		
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		300 A \$ 3.52	23,419	D
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		700 A \$ 3.52	24,119	D
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		300 A \$ 3.52	24,419	D
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		200 A \$ 3.52	24,619	D
Common Stock	05/18/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000 A \$ 3.52	25,619	D

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Common Stock	05/18/2005	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 19.79 <u>(1)</u>	25,319	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2005	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	700	D	\$ 19.82 <u>(1)</u>	24,619	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2005	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	D	\$ 19.81 <u>(1)</u>	24,319	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2005	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	200	D	\$ 19.85 <u>(1)</u>	24,119	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2005	<u>S<sup>(1)</sup></u>	1,000	D	\$ 19.88 <u>(1)</u>	23,119	D	
Common Stock						11,155.42	I	SSB Tr/self Emp S/P
Common Stock						7,590.56	I	by ESOP
Common Stock						2,001.95	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.52	05/18/2005		<u>M<sup>(1)</sup></u>	300	<u>(2)</u>	06/22/2005	Common Stock	300

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Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.52	05/18/2005	M <sup>(1)</sup>	700	<sup>(2)</sup>	06/22/2005	Common Stock	700
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.52	05/18/2005	M <sup>(1)</sup>	300	<sup>(2)</sup>	06/22/2005	Common Stock	300
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.52	05/18/2005	M <sup>(1)</sup>	200	<sup>(2)</sup>	06/22/2005	Common Stock	200
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.52	05/18/2005	M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	<sup>(2)</sup>	06/22/2005	Common Stock	1,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.61				<sup>(3)</sup>	02/07/2006	Common Stock	32,500
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.71				<sup>(4)</sup>	06/05/2007	Common Stock	18,600
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79				<sup>(5)</sup>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	29,700
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27				<sup>(6)</sup>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	20,700
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49				<sup>(7)</sup>	10/15/2008	Common Stock	3,940
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79				<sup>(8)</sup>	08/31/2010	Common Stock	3,740
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27				<sup>(9)</sup>	06/10/2009	Common Stock	340

## 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	05/18/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) Mr. Dawson exercised 2,500 option shares in a cashless transaction on May 18, 2005 issued June 22, 1995, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
  - (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/22/2000.
  - (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 02/07/2001.
  - (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
  - (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 60% are fully exercisable.
  - (6) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
  - (7) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
  - (8) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
  - (9) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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