

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
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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 \*  
**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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/17/2005**

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

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**TYLER, TX 75701**

(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 or Disposed of (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned or Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/17/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,250	A	\$ 5.71
Common Stock	03/17/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>		500	A	\$ 5.71
Common Stock	03/17/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,250	D	\$ 20.97
Common Stock	03/17/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>		500	D	\$ 20.98

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Common Stock	01/03/2005		I <sup>(2)</sup>	V	142.66	A	\$ 5.74	6,957.23	I	by ESOP
Common Stock								111	I	Self Cust./Daughter
Common Stock								82	I	Self Cust./Son

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)	\$ 5.71	03/17/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,250	<sup>(3)</sup> 06/05/2007	Common Stock	1,250
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.71	03/17/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	500	<sup>(3)</sup> 06/05/2007	Common Stock	500
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					<sup>(4)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	30,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27					<sup>(5)</sup> 06/10/2009	Common Stock	21,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.49					<sup>(6)</sup> 10/15/2008	Common Stock	3,940
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79					<sup>(7)</sup> 08/31/2010	Common Stock	3,440

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.27	(8)	06/10/2009	Common Stock	64
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIBSON LEE R SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701	X		Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Lee R. Gibson                      03/17/2005

    Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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. Gibson exercised 1,750 option shares in a cashless transaction on 3-17-05 issued 6-5-97, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-04.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable on 06-05-02.
- (4) Options vest 20% per year and currently 60% are fully exercisable.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (6) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (7) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (8) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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