

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 *
 SHAMBURGER JULIE

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)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2006

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 500 A \$ 6.18 | 7,286 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2006 | | I ⁽²⁾ | 97.28 A \$ 6.45 | 1,393.5 | I | by ESOP |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15 | I | Self Cust./Daughter |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15 | I | Self Cust./Son ML |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15 | I | Self Cust/Son DK |

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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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.18 | 12/20/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 500 | ⁽³⁾ 10/15/2008 | Common Stock | 500 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.51 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 2,302 |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.97 | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 2,367 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHAMBURGER JULIE SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701 | | | Vice President & Controller | |

Signatures

Julie
Shamburger 12/20/2006

__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) Julie Shamburger exercised 500 option shares and plans to hold on 12-20-06 issued 10-15-98, under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (2) ESOP allocation for plan year ending 12-31-05.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (4) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (5) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.

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