

FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC  
 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 \*  
 DOWNS KELLY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 FIRST MID ILLINOIS BANCSHARES INC [FMBH.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2000 MEADOWLAKE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/12/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Director, Human Resources

CHARLESTON, IL 61920

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

(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		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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	02/12/2008		P	V	29.041	A	\$ 25.2 779.229	I	By 401K
Common Stock	02/22/2008		P	V	32.991	A	\$ 24.2 812.22	I	By 401K
Common Stock	02/29/2008		P	V	0.177	A	\$ 25 812.397	I	By 401K
Common Stock	03/12/2008		P	V	0.207	A	\$ 25.1 812.604	I	By 401K
Common Stock	03/24/2008		P	V	12.422	A	\$ 25.3 825.026	I	By 401K

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Common Stock	05/09/2008	P	V	1.719	A	\$ 26.06	826.745	I	By 401K
Common Stock	05/16/2008	P	V	11.596	A	\$ 26.74	838.341	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/06/2008	P	V	2.098	A	\$ 27.06	840.439	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/13/2008	P	V	0.438	A	\$ 27.68	840.877	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/17/2008	J(1)	V	6.192	A	\$ 25.9	847.069	I	By 401K
Common Stock	06/27/2008	P	V	1.136	A	\$ 27.75	848.205	I	By 401K
Common Stock	08/01/2008	P	V	11.257	A	\$ 26.5	859.462	I	By 401K
Common Stock	08/13/2008	P	V	7.926	A	\$ 24.45	867.388	I	By 401K

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOWNS KELLY A  
2000 MEADOWLAKE  
CHARLESTON, IL 61920

VP, Director, Human Resources

## Signatures

Michael L. Taylor, pursuant to a power of attorney filed  
05/29/03.

09/22/2008

\_\_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) Shares acquired through the company's dividend reinvestment plan with dividends being paid on shares of common stock held.

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