SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Garrett John Robert Issuer Symbol

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

(Check all applicable)

[SBSI]

(First)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) 1201 S BECKHAM AVE

(Middle)

(Zip)

12/06/2012

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

TYLER, TX 75701

(City)

(Last)

(City)	(State)	Table 1 - 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	onDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D) and 5) (A) or	uired (A) or	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)		
Common Stock	12/06/2012		Code V $J_{(1)}^{(1)}$	Amount 80.8098	(D)	\$ 20.7596	5,164.3789	D			
Common Stock	12/06/2012		<u>J(1)</u>	48.9754	A	\$ 20.7596	5,213.3543	D			
Common Stock	12/18/2012		P	68	A	\$ 20.91	5,281.3543	D			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)			,	Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer Othe				
Garrett John Robert							
1201 S BECKHAM AVE	X						
TYLER, TX 75701							

Signatures

John Robert
Garrett

**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) Dividend Reinvestment Program "DRP"

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