SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Earl W Clawater III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1201 S BEC	(First) (M	(Mor	ate of Earliest Tr nth/Day/Year) 18/2015	ansaction			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER			
	(Street)	4. If	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
TYLER, TX (City)		7:)	Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Dat	1			Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Benefici Owned Indirect (I) Owners				
(Instr. 3) any (Month/		•	Code	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
		(Monun Day/ 1	Year) (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	06/18/2015		A	1,162	A	\$0	4,303	D		

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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. 5. Number Transaction Derivativ Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun Number Shares
Employee Stock Option / (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.51	06/18/2015		A	5,334	06/18/2016(1)	06/18/2025	Common Stock	7,969

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Earl W Clawater III 1201 S BECKHAM AVE TYLER, TX 75701

EVP & CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

Signatures

EARL W. 06/19/2015 CLAWATER III

**Signature of Reporting 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) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on June 18, 2016.

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