SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

March 16, 2006

FORM 4

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

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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 * DAWSON CHARLES E

(First)

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2006

INC, 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM (Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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X Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Director, President & Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

TYLER, TX 75701

(Last)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|------------|-------|--|---|------------------|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/06/2006 | | G V | 200 | D | <u>(1)</u> | 24,443 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | | S | 500 | D | \$ 20.32 | 45,327 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.25 | 45,227 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | | S | 99 | D | \$ 20.26 | 45,128 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | | S | 301 | D | \$ 20.44 | 44,827 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 20.45 | 44,527 | D | |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|-------------|-----------|---|---------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 102 | D | \$ 20.39 | 44,425 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.47 | 44,325 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.41 | 44,225 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 198 | D | \$ 20.4 | 44,027 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 20.48 | 43,827 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 400 | D | \$ 20.49 | 43,427 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.46 | 43,327 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 396 | D | \$ 20.52 | 42,931 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 504 | D | \$ 20.51 | 42,427 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 20.65 | 42,227 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.63 | 42,127 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 20.6 | 41,827 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.58 | 41,727 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.64 | 41,627 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 20.69 | 41,527 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 20.62 | 41,327 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 20.73 | 40,827 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 11,155.42 | I | SSB Tr/self Emp S/P |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,155.27 | I | by ESOP |

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Common 2,037.28 I by Spouse Stock

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Expiration D (Month/Day e | Date Exercisable and piration Date onth/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.71 | | | | | (2) | 06/05/2007 | Common Stock | 18,620 | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | | | | | (3) | 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 29,758 | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.27 | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 20,764 | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.49 | | | | | (5) | 10/15/2008 | Common Stock | 3,943 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | 08/31/2010 | Common Stock | 3,748 | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.27 | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 06/10/2009 | Common Stock | 346 | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAWSON CHARLES E SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC 1201 SOUTH BECKHAM TYLER, TX 75701

X

Director, President & Secy.

Signatures

Charles E. (Sam)

Dawson 03/16/2006

**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) Bloomberg VWAP closed at \$21.00 per share the date of this gift, 1-6-06.
- (2) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 06/05/2002.
- (3) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 08/31/2005.
- (4) Options vest 20% per year and currently 80% are fully exercisable.
- (5) Vested 20% per year and became fully exercisable 10/15/2003.
- (6) Non-Qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 08/31/01.
- (7) Non-qualified Incentive Stock Option became fully exercisable 06/10/2000.

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