

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
Form 8-K  
December 30, 2016

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **December 29, 2016**

**The First Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Mississippi**                      **33-94288**      **64-0862173**  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) Identification No.)

**6480 U.S. Hwy 98 West, Hattiesburg, MS 39402**  
(Address of principal executive offices)      (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(601) 268-8998**

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))

**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.** At a special meeting held December 29, 2016, the shareholders of The First Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company”) approved the the issuance of 3,563,380 shares of the Company’s common stock for purposes of NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635 upon the conversion of an equivalent number of shares of Mandatorily Convertible Non-Cumulative Non-Voting Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series E, as well as the adjournment of the Special Meeting, if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies. As of the record date, there were 5,428,017 shares entitled to vote, of which 3,953,452 shares, or 72.84%, were voted in person or by proxy at the special meeting. Results are set forth below:

**Item 1. Conversion of Convertible Preferred Stock**

Votes For Votes Against Abstained Non-Votes

3,921,358 30,099                      1,995                      0

**Item 2. Approval of an Adjournment or Postponement of the Meeting**

Votes For Votes Against Abstained Non-Votes

30,905,292 45,070                      3,090                      0

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

The First Bancshares, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: December 30, 2016

/s/ **Dee Dee Lowery**

Name: Dee Dee Lowery

Title: EVP and CFO