

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALEXANDER TIMOTHY F (Last) (First) (Middle)  1201 S BECKHAM AVE (Street)  TYLER, TX 75701 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2015	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) REGIONAL PRESIDENT, EAST TX	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	4,374	D	A
Common Stock	10,190	I	IRA
Common Stock	2,717.873	I	401K
Common Stock	957.431	I	ESOP

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option / (Right to Buy)	06/09/2015 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/09/2021	Common Stock	3,358	\$ 16.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option / (Right to Buy)	08/02/2016 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/02/2022	Common Stock	3,227	\$ 18.99	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/05/2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/05/2023	Common Stock	2,830	\$ 25.85	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALEXANDER TIMOTHY F 1201 S BECKHAM AVE TYLER, TX 75701	Â	Â	Â	REGIONAL PRESIDENT, EAST TX Â

## Signatures

TIMOTHY F. ALEXANDER 02/24/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 options vest in four equal annual installments on each of June 9, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) The options vest in four equal annual installments on each of August 2, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments on each of December 5, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

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