SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 4

December 02, 2016

OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 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 Issuer Earl W Clawater III Symbol

			SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC [SBSI]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner				
1201 S BECKHAM AVE			(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2016	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) SR EVP & CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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TYLER, TX 75701						Person					
(City) (State) (Zip) Table				e I - 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)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D)	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	12/01/2016		J	5	A	<u>(1)</u>	5,540	D		
	Common Stock	12/01/2016		J	8	A	<u>(2)</u>	5,548	D		
	Common Stock							1,357.3777	I	By 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

SR EVP & CHIEF CREDIT OFFICER

Signatures

EARL W. CLAWATER III 12/02/2016

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Reflects restricted stock units (RSUs) 2013 grant received pursuant to dividend equivalent rights attached to RSUs held by the reporting person.
- (2) Reflects restricted stock units (RSUs) 2015 grant received pursuant to dividend equivalent rights attached to RSUs held by the reporting person.

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