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1(b).

Common

Stock

(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 Earl W Clawater III Issuer Symbol SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC (Check all applicable) [SBSI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1201 S BECKHAM AVE 06/18/2018 SEVP & CCO (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting **TYLER, TX 75701** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 06/18/2018 A 1.120 A \$0 6,944 (1) D 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option / (Right to Buy) | \$ 34.5 | 06/18/2018 | | A | 5,705 | 06/18/2019(3) | 06/18/2029 | Common Stock | 5,705 |

Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

SEVP & CCO

Signatures

EARL W. CLAWATER III 06/20/2018

**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) Includes previously unreported restricted stock units (RSUs) received pursuant to dividend equivalent rights attached to RSUs held by the reporting person.
- (2) Reflects allocation of shares received in connection with reinvestment of quarterly cash dividend. And allocation of fractional shares that have occurred since the date of the reporting person's last ownership report.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on June 18, 2019.

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