

SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES INC

Form 8-K

April 20, 2010

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): April 15, 2010

Southside Bancshares, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | 0-12247 (Commission File Number) | 75-1848732 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
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| 1201 S. Beckham, Tyler, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) | 75701 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (903) 531-7111

NA
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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ITEM 5.07 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the shareholders was held on April 15, 2010, in Tyler, Texas. Four directors were elected for a term of three years and one director was elected for a term of one year. The appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010, was ratified.

The final voting results are set forth below:

| Nominees for Director for a term expiring at the 2013 Annual Meeting | Shares Voted | | |
|--|--------------|------------|-----------|
| | For | Withheld | Non Votes |
| Alton Cade | 9,836,531 | 223,861 | 2,554,474 |
| B. G. Hartley | 9,823,772 | 236,620 | 2,554,474 |
| Paul W. Powell | 8,192,788 | 1,867,604 | 2,554,474 |
| Don W. Thedford | 9,818,688 | 241,704 | 2,554,474 |
| Nominee for Director for a term expiring at the 2011 Annual Meeting | | | |
| Preston L. Smith | 9,810,549 | 249,843 | 2,554,474 |
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| | For | Against | Abstain |
| Ratification of Independent Auditors | 12,560,359 | 49,099 | 5,408 |
| | | | |
| | Outstanding | # Voted | % Voted |
| At Date of Record | 15,000,459 | 12,614,866 | 84.10 |

SIGNATURE

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

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

Date: April 20, 2010

By: /s/ Lee R. Gibson
 Lee R. Gibson, CPA
 Senior Executive Vice President and Chief
 Financial Officer