

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON DAVID E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/ [FBMS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P O BOX 15549  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/17/2007

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CEO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

HATTIESBURG, MS 39402

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	01/17/2007		X	6,562 A \$ 5	51,908	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/17/2007		M	43,312 A \$ 5	95,220	D	

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
COMMON STOCK OPTIONS UNDER 1997 PLAN - DIRECTOR	\$ 5	01/17/2007		X	6,562	<u>(1)</u> 03/18/2007	COMMON STOCK 6,
COMMON STOCK OPTIONS UNDER 1997 PLAN - EMPLOYEE	\$ 5	01/17/2007		M	43,312	<u>(3)</u> 03/18/2007	COMMON STOCK 43,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON DAVID E P O BOX 15549 HATTIESBURG, MS 39402	X		CEO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD	

## Signatures

DAVID E  
JOHNSON 01/19/2007

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

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) The option vested in three equal installments on March 18, 1998, March 18, 1999, and March 18, 2000.
- (2) Remainder of derivative securities under 1997 plan in the amount of 43,312 as well as derivative securities under the 1999 plan in the amount of 2,338 and 57,748 respectively
- (3) The option vested in three equal installments on March 18, 1998, March 18, 1999, and March 18, 2000.

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(4) Derivative securities under the 1999 stock incentive plan in the amount of 2,338 and 57,748 respectively.

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