

SEAVR R ARTHUR JR
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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 *
 SEAVR R ARTHUR JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SOUTHERN FIRST
 BANCSHARES INC [SFST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 P.O. BOX 17465
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/13/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

GREENVILLE, SC 29606

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	09/13/2018		M	11,133 A	\$ 5.67 44,876	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2018		S	10,583 D	\$ 41.7 34,293	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2018		S	550 D	\$ 41.75 33,743	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2018		M	6,867 A	\$ 5.67 40,610	D	
Common Stock	09/14/2018		S	4,194 D	\$ 41.605 36,416	D	

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Common Stock	09/14/2018	S	2,173	D	\$ 41.7	34,243	D
Common Stock	09/14/2018	S	400	D	\$ 41.6	33,843	D
Common Stock	09/14/2018	S	100	D	\$ 41.65	33,743	D
Common Stock	09/17/2018	M	1,848	A	\$ 6.01	35,591	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 5.67	09/13/2018		M	11,133	01/19/2011 01/19/2020		Common Stock	11,133
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 5.67	09/14/2018		M	6,867	01/19/2011 01/19/2020		Common Stock	6,867
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 6.01	09/17/2018		M	1,848	01/18/2012 01/18/2021		Common Stock	1,848

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

SEAVER R ARTHUR JR
P.O. BOX 17465
GREENVILLE, SC 29606

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Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

R. Arthur Seaver, Jr., /s/Julie A Fairchild,
POA

09/17/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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