

FIRST BANCSHARES INC /MS/

Form 4/A

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 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COLE M RAY JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8 AUBURN LANE

(Street)

HATTIESBURG, MS 39401

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/30/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)
01/06/2017

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

PRESIDENT AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
 Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
SERIES E NONVOTING CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK	12/30/2016		D		2,000	D	0
COMMON STOCK	12/30/2016		A		2,000	A	65,136

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
COLE M RAY JR 8 AUBURN LANE HATTIESBURG, MS 39401	X PRESIDENT AND CEO

Signatures

M. Ray Cole, Jr. 04/25/2017

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 company's Mandatorily convertible, Nonvoting, Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, was mandatorily converted on a 1-for-1 basis into shares of The First Bancshares, Inc.'s Common Stock on 12-30-16, following shareholder approval of the issuance of the underlying Common Stock on 12-29-16. All shares of the Mandatorily convertible, Nonvoting, Noncumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, are being surrendered to the company and have resumed the status of authorized and unissued preferred stock.

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