

COLE M RAY JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
COLE M RAY JR

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)  
8 AUBURN LANE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/01/2010

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
SERIES D NONVOTING CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK <u>(1)</u>	03/22/2013		P		976 A \$ 10.25	976	D
COMMON STOCK <u>(2)</u>	08/01/2010		A		2,853 A \$ 0	21,559	D
COMMON STOCK <u>(3)</u>	02/01/2011		A		4,105 A \$ 0	25,664	D
COMMON STOCK <u>(4)</u>	03/01/2012		A		5,514 A \$ 0	31,178	D

COMMON STOCK <sup>(5)</sup> 03/01/2013 A 4,460 A \$ 0 34,488 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLE M RAY JR 8 AUBURN LANE HATTIESBURG, MS 39402	X		PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

M. Ray Cole, Jr. 03/26/2013  
 \*\*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) Shareholders of common stock of The First Bancshares, Inc. will vote on a proposal to convert the preferred shares into an equal number of common shares at a Shareholder's Meeting to be held on May 23, 2013, or as soon as practicable.
- (2) Restricted stock award, subject to forfeiture, vesting on 8-1-13, as previously disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement on 4-25-11.
- (3) Restricted stock award, subject to forfeiture, vesting on 2-1-14, as previously disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement on 4-25-11.

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- (4) Restricted stock award, subject to forfeiture, vesting on 3-1-15, as previously disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement on 4-23-12.
- (5) Restricted stock award, subject to forfeiture, vesting on 3-1-16.

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