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**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): October 19, 2023



**Southern States Bancshares, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Alabama**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-40727**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**26-2518085**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**615 Quintard Ave.**  
**Anniston, AL**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**36201**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (256) 241-1092

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbols(s)</u>	<u>Name of exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$5.00 par value	SSBK	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 19, 2023, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.09 per share on the Company's common stock (the "Dividend"). The Dividend is payable on November 17, 2023 to shareholders of record as of November 3, 2023. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

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**Description**

99.1 [Press Release, dated October 19, 2023](#)

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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**SIGNATURE**

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

Dated: October 20, 2023

**SOUTHERN STATES BANCSHARES, INC.**

By: /s/ Lynn Joyce  
Name: Lynn Joyce  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



SOUTHERN STATES  
BANCSHARES, INC.

## **Southern States Bancshares, Inc. Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend of \$0.09 per Share**

ANNISTON, Alabama, October 19, 2023 – Southern States Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: SSBK) (“Southern States”), the holding company for Southern States Bank, an Alabama state-chartered commercial bank (the “Bank”), today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a cash dividend on its common stock of \$0.09 per share. The dividend is payable on November 17, 2023 to shareholders of record as of November 3, 2023.

### **About Southern States Bancshares, Inc.**

Headquartered in Anniston, Alabama, Southern States Bancshares, Inc. is a bank holding company that operates primarily through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Southern States Bank. The Bank is a full-service community banking institution, which offers an array of deposit, loan and other banking-related products and services to businesses and individuals in its communities. The Bank operates 13 branches in Alabama and Georgia and two loan production offices in Atlanta.

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